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# Demand surges at COVID-19 booster clinics

Hartford residents received COVID-19 booster shots Wednesday at a vaccine clinic run by Charter Oak Health Center at Metropolitan AME Zion Church on Main St. ALEX PUTTERMAN/ **HARTFORD** 

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Connecticut residents voice concern about new omicron variant

By Alex Putterman Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - Carline Watkins can't figure it out.

The COVID-19 pandemic has stretched on for nearly two years. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have died. Transmission remains high. A new variant could arrive any day. And yet nearly a fifth of Connecticut residents -

including some close to Watkins - refuse to get vaccinated.

"I just saw on the news some guy who talked about not getting vaccinated and then he died," Watkins, a 60-year-old Bloomfield resident, said minutes after getting her booster shot Wednesday morning. "I just don't understand people their thought process."

As COVID-19 infections increase in Connecticut and the state awaits its first case of the omicron variant, demand for booster shots is high. And for many people flocking to vaccine clinics, it was tough not to feel frustration toward those who won't get inoculated.

"Go get vaccinated," said Pat Meskill, 65, of Newington, who received her booster Wednesday afternoon in West Hartford. "Come on, help us all out. Help yourself and help the rest of us. We're all in this together."

As of Wednesday, 82.5% of Connecticut residents 12 and older were fully vaccinated, leaving several hundred thousand still unprotected. Meanwhile, only 25.7% of fully vaccinated adults in Connecticut have so far received booster shots, which are now available to all Americans 18 and older.

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# **Omicron** variant confirmed in Calif.

First US case detected in vaccinated person who visited S. Africa

By Zeke Miller and Olga R. Rodriguez Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. recorded its first confirmed case of the omicron variant Wednesday — in a vaccinated traveler who returned to California after a trip to South Africa — as scientists around the world race to establish whether the new, mutant version of the coronavirus is more dangerous than previous ones.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, made the announcement at the White House.

"We knew it was just a matter of time before the first case of omicron would be detected in the United States," he said.

The infected person was identified as a traveler who had returned from South Africa on Nov. 22. developed mild symptoms and tested positive Monday.

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco obtained a sample from the traveler Tuesday evening and worked feverishly overnight to assemble the genetic sequence.

The person, who had the two doses of the Moderna vaccine but had not been vaccinated long enough to receive a booster shot, is improving and agreed to remain in quarantine, California officials said.

All the individual's close contacts have been reached and have tested negative, officials

The patient was identified only as being between 18 and 49.

At least 23 other countries have reported omicron infections since South African authorities first identified the variant a week ago — an announcement that led the U.S. and many other countries to almost immediately bar airline travelers arriving from southern

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Activists on both sides of the issue of abortion demonstrate Wednesday at the Supreme Court. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY

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# In abortion case, conservatives seem open to curbing Roe

By Mark Sherman and Jessica Gresko

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In the biggest challenge to abortion rights in decades, the Supreme Court's conservative majority on Wednesday signaled they would allow states to ban abortion much earlier in pregnancy and may even overturn the nationwide right that has existed for nearly 50 years.

With hundreds of demonstrators outside chanting for and against, the justices led arguments that could decide the fate of the court's historic 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion throughout the United States and its 1992 ruling in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, which reaffirmed Roe.

The outcome probably won't be known until June. But after nearly two hours of arguments, all six conservative justices, including three appointed by former President Donald Trump, indicated they would uphold a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15

weeks of pregnancy. At the very least, such a decision Turn to Court, Page 2

would undermine Roe and Casey, which allow states to regulate but not ban abortion up until the point of fetal viability, at roughly 24 weeks.

And there was also substantial support among the conservative justices for getting rid of Roe and Casey altogether. Justice Clarence Thomas is the only member of the court who has openly called for overruling the two cases.

# Hartford schools launch Saturday Academy

Program hopes to help students recover from toll of COVID-19

By Rebecca Lurye Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - A new Hartford Public Schools program will open several school buildings on Saturdays to give students extra time for academic support and social-learning activities like sports, arts and cooking.

More than 400 students have enrolled in Saturday Academy, which will begin this Saturday and run through May at five schools: the MLK Campus, SAND, Parkville Community, MD Fox and Hartford High. The district hopes to serve a total of 800 students with the new program, one of several initiatives seeking to address the toll the COVID-19 pandemic has taken on students and families.

Tomoye Bryan hopes to see her 9-year-old son Zach, a fourth grader at Breakthrough Magnet School-North, get better at making friends after a year spent learning remotely. Bryan, a special education para-educator, thinks that will happen naturally at Saturday Academy, where her son will get to run around between lessons and maybe play his favorite sport, soccer.

Beverley Hines, who has five children in Hartford schools,

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# 'Three billion are gone'

Connecticut Audubon Society report raises alarm about bird decline

**By Christopher Arnott** Hartford Courant

An alarming decline in the bird population is the theme of a wide-ranging report to be issued Thursday by the Connecticut Audubon Society. The title of this year's "State of the Birds" report sums up their plight: "Three Billion Birds Are Gone. How Do We Bring Them Back?"

The 3 billion number comes from a study published in Science magazine in 2019 stating that in the past

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50 years, the United States has lost 30% of its bird population.

It's not too late to tackle the issue head-on, says Connecticut Audubon Society director Patrick Comins. "A lot of these efforts will bear fruit for many years to come." But new perspectives and collaborative efforts are required.

Some of the vanishing birds are native to Connecticut, but most are reliant on the state as a nesting ground or a flight path to other states or countries. The Semipalmated Sandpiper, which "nest way up in the Arctic Circle," Comins says, are a common shorebird in New England, and winter in South

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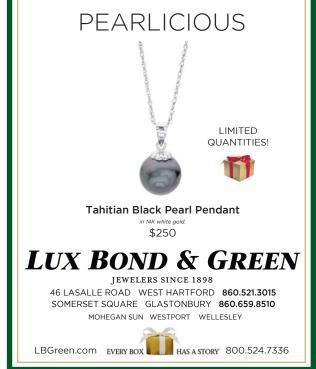
### **UConn** grad student dies after being hit by car near campus

A UConn researcher and graduate student is dead after he was struck by a car — driven by a university employee — while crossing a street near campus at dusk Tuesday. Nhuong Nguyen, 28, who lived in a nearby apartment, was taken after the collision to Windham Hospital, where he died, state police said. Connecticut, Page 1

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Justice Brett Kavanaugh, a Trump appointee, asked whether the court would be better off withdrawing completely from the abortion issue and letting states decide.

Why should this court be the arbiter rather than Congress, the state legislatures, state supreme courts, the people being able to resolve this?" Kavanaugh asked. "And there will be different answers in Mississippi and New York, different answers in Alabama than California."

Abortion would soon become illegal or severely restricted in roughly half the states if Roe and Casey are overturned, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports abortion rights. Legislatures in many Republican-led states are poised for action depending on the Supreme Court's ruling.

People of color and lesser means would be disproportionately affected, supporters of abortion rights say.

The court's three liberal justices said that reversing Roe and Casey would significantly damage the court's own legiti-

"Will this institution survive the stench that this creates in the public perception that the Constitution and its reading are just political acts?" Justice Sonia Sotomayor asked.

In unusually strong terms for a high court argument, Justice Stephen Breyer warned his colleagues they "better be damn sure" before they throw away the established abortion decisions.

Public opinion polls show support for preserving Roe, though some surveys also find backing for greater restrictions

Among the conservatives. Chief Justice John Roberts appeared most interested in a less sweeping ruling that would uphold the Mississippi law but not explicitly overrule Roe and Casev.

"That may be what they're asking for, but the thing at issue before us today is 15 weeks," Roberts said, alluding to Mississippi's call to overturn the broader cases in addition to upholding its own law.

More than 90% of abortions are performed in the first 13 weeks of pregnancy, well before viability, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About 100 patients per year get abortions after 15 weeks at the Jackson Women's Health Organization, Mississippi's lone abortion clinic. The facility does not provide abortions after 16

Even upholding the 15-week ban would mean rejecting the decades-old viability line. Abortion rights supporters say that would effectively overturn Roe and leave no principled line for when abortions might be banned.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, another Trump appointee, suggested the lack of a rigorous alternative might be a reason to overrule Roe and Casey entirely.

"You emphasized that if 15 weeks were approved, then we'd have cases about 12 and 10 and 8 and 6, and so my question is, is there a line in there that the government believes would be principled or not," Gorsuch asked Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, the Biden administration lawyer supporting the Mississippi clinic.

"I don't think there's any line that could be more principled than viability," Prelogar said.

The case came to a court with a 6-3 conservative majority that has been transformed by the justices named by Trump -Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.

In its earlier rulings, the court has rooted the right to abortion in the section of the 14th Amendment that says states cannot "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

Same-sex marriage and other rights, based on the same provision but also not explicitly mentioned in the Constitution. could be threatened if Roe and Casey fall, the administration argues.

If the court issues its decision in late June it will be a little more than four months before next year's congressional elections, and could become a campaign season rallying cry.



Anthony Fauci said it was a matter of time before the omicron variant would be in the U.S. ANNA MONEYMAKER/

### Variant

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But the variant is still surrounded by many unknowns, among them: Is it more contagious than other versions, as some scientists are beginning to suspect? Does it make people more seriously ill? And can it evade the vaccine?

"Any declaration of what will or will not happen with this variant. I think it is too early to say," Fauci

He and other medical experts strongly emphasized that Americans should continue to follow public health advice to get vaccinated and get their booster shots.

"If you look at the things we have been recommending, they're just the same," Fauci said.

Genomic sequencing on the patient's virus from UCSF was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We will likely see this scenario play out multiple times across the country in the coming days or weeks," said Scott Becker, CEO of the Association of Public Health Laboratories.

"This particular case shows the system working as it was designed to work - an individual with travel history from South Africa, an astute laboratory and quick prioritization of the specimen for sequencing, and close coordination with public health officials," Becker added.

Nigeria and Saudi Arabia also reported omicron infections Wednesday, marking the first known cases in West Africa and the Persian Gulf region.

It is not known precisely where or when the variant first emerged, though it is clear it was circulating in Europe several days before South Africa sounded the alarm.

**European Union Commission** President Ursula von der Leven said it will take two to three weeks before it becomes fully clear what omicron can do to the world.

"This is, in normal times, a short period. In pandemic times, it's an eternity," she lamented.

At the same time the omicron variant is spreading new fear and uncertainty, the dominant delta variant is still creating havoc, especially in Europe, where many countries are dealing with a surge in infections and hospitalizations and some are considering making vaccinations mandatory.

Going further than many other countries in trying to contain the virus, Japan has banned foreign visitors and asked international airlines to stop taking new reservations for all flights arriving in the country until the end of December.

The United States is working toward requiring that all air travelers to the country be tested for COVID-19 within a day before boarding their flights, up from the current three days.

On Wednesday, the World Health Organization warned that blanket travel bans are complicating the sharing of lab samples from South Africa that could help scientists understand the new variant.

World leaders continued to emphasize that the best way to contain the pandemic remains vaccinations.

For the first time, von der Leven said EU nations should consider making vaccinations mandatory, as several have done for certain sectors, or as Austria has done overall. Altogether, 67% of the EU's population is vaccinated, but that relatively high rate hasn't stopped several countries from seeing

Greece plans to impose fines of 100 euros, or about \$113, per month on people over 60 who don't get vaccinated.

Slovakia is considering giving that age group 500 euros, or about \$565, if they step forward for the shot.

German Chancellor-designate Olaf Scholz, meanwhile, said he will back a proposal to mandate vaccinations for everybody.

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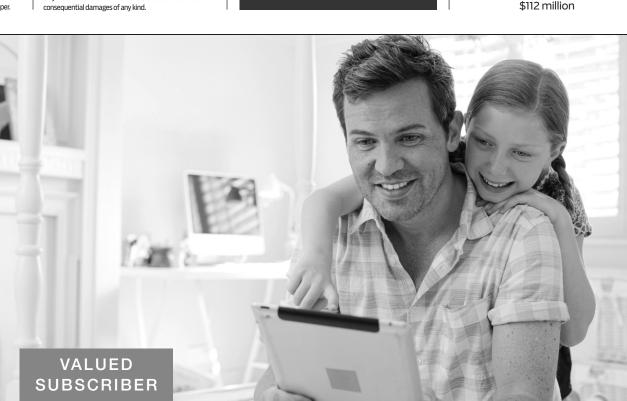








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A man receives a COVID-19 vaccine Wednesday during a clinic at West Hartford's Conard High School. As Connecticut's cases increase, demand for booster shots has risen in recent days. ALEX PUTTERMAN/HARTFORD COURANT PHOTOS

### **Booster**

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Radames Vazquez, a 66-yearold Hartford resident, said he sees the relatively high number of vaccine holdouts nationwide as evidence of a "divided" country. Still, he said, his attitude is to do what he can to protect his family, without worrying too much about the unvaccinated.

"Yeah, they make you mad, but that's people, that's their right," Vazquez said. "When they're in the hospital laying there halfdead, sorry. I wish you would have gotten your vaccine."

At several vaccine clinics Wednesday, patients seeking their booster shots said they were motivated by a desire to keep themselves safe — as well as concern over Connecticut's rising COVID-19 numbers and the newly discovered omicron variant.

"It's concerning," said Vazquez's wife Olga, who joined her husband in getting a booster shot Wednesday at Metropolitan AME Zion Church in Hartford at a clinic run by Charter Oak Health Center. "So if we can prevent those numbers from rising, it's our responsibility."

Aimee Krauss, director of the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District, said vaccine demand has spiked since the omicron variant first hit the news. At a clinic Wednesday afternoon in the cafeteria of West Hartford's Conard High School, the line of vaccine-seekers stretched out the door into a hallway.

"Today our phones have been ringing nonstop of people trying to just get an appointment," Krauss said.

As of mid-November, booster shots are available for all adults 18 and older who received a second COVID-19 vaccine dose in mid-May or earlier. Additionally, anyone who received a Johnson



Demand was high for COVID-19 vaccination during a clinic at West Hartford's Conard High School on Wednesday. An estimated 300 people got their booster shots at the clinic.

& Johnson vaccine is eligible for a booster two months after their shot.

In Connecticut, public officials have pleaded with residents to get their booster shots, especially as cases and hospitalizations have increased. The state has averaged 887 cases a day over the past week, the most in a seven-day period since mid-April, and has more patients hospitalized with COVID-19 than at any time since late August.

For some residents, the decision to get a booster required careful thought and consideration, or maybe some prodding from family members. For others, it was obvious.

"I want to protect myself and my family," said Edward Harrington, an 83-year-old Hartford resident who had struggled to find an appointment before reading about Wednesday's clinic at Metropolitan AME Zion Church. "My wife likes to travel,

and we've got to be protected." José Rodriguez a 56-year-old Hartford resident, said vaccination for him was about not only gaining immunity against COVID-19 but also protecting those around him. Even with the

booster, he said, he will continue to avoid large group gatherings, including at the upcoming holi-

"Even though I have the booster, I'm going to follow the protocol," Rodriguez said in Spanish. "I'm following the same standard to not put other people in danger."

Naturally, some residents expressed frustration that the pandemic has endured so long. Several blamed Donald Trump for downplaying the virus early on and failing to respond to it appropriately. Paul Desjardins, a 75-year-old Windsor Locks residents, said his prevailing emotion was anger at the former president.

Even still, most said they trust that the crisis will end eventually likely with the help of vaccination.

"We have to put our trust in science and believe that we'll eventually take care of this, just like any other health issues, looking back at the Spanish flu and all that," Olga Vazquez said. "We just have to be patient."

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### **Schools**

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signed up her seventh grade daughter, Krissania, for the new program. It was not a hard sell for the young teen, who likes to bake and draw but lost interest in school when she was learning remotely last year, Hines said.

After so much time stuck at home, all her kids are eager for activities, said Hines, who co-chairs a school governance

"We're getting the fire back into going to school," Hines said.

In addition to Saturday Academy, Hartford schools are contracting with a third-party to provide no-cost tutoring to as many as 4,500 students. Next month, the district will announce a pilot program to provide evening educational opportunities to about 100 high school students. And when schools close for weeklong breaks in February and April, some students will forgo the time off and take advantage of extra classes.

The district will pay for the programs using federal COVID-19 relief. Running Saturday Academy for the next three years will cost about \$1.5 million of the \$127 million the district must spend by the end of 2024.

Superintendent Leslie Torres-Rodriguez held a news conference Wednesday to encourage families to sign up for the weekend program as soon as possible, which will run from 9 a.m. to noon on 16 Saturdays through the end of the school year.

"Before the pandemic and certainly now, as we think about recovery, we have to tend to the whole child knowing that there are social, emotional, developmental, wellness needs and supports that our students need to have,"

Torres-Rodriguez said.

There is no cost to families. The district will provide breakfast and lunch to all students, and transportation to city residents.

A majority of the time will be spent on enrichment activities, run by several community-based organizations, including the Village for Families and Children and Catholic Charities. Students will also receive help with English Language arts, math, social-emotional learning and - for older students — SAT prep.

Many students all over the country are trying to make up ground they lost during the pandemic, which was particularly hard both academically and emotionally — on students of color in public schools, students learning English, and students with disabilities, according to the federal Department of Education.

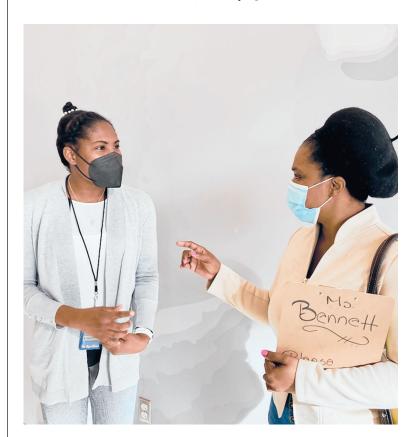
In Hartford, chronic absenteeism rates skyrocketed between spring 2020 and the start of 2021, increasing from about a quarter of students to nearly half. Chronic absenteeism was highest among students with learning differences (61%) and English learners (57%).

All academic performance took a hit as well, as COVID-19 amplified the challenges faced by Hartford families, such as transience and housing insecurity, poverty, health issues, language barriers and low literacy.

Torres-Rodriguez has said it may take five years for students to recover from the crisis.

"It is still early, in my opinion, to determine the depth and the breadth of the impact of the pandemic and the trauma, and the amount of support that our students are going to need," she said.

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Tomoye Bryan, left, and Beverley Hines, both parents in Hartford Public Schools, talk at a news conference announcing the launch of Saturday Academy. Bryan's son and Hines' daughter are enrolled in the district's new weekend program. REBECCA LURYE/HARTFORD COURANT

# **Birds**

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America. "When the winds are right," he says, "it can be a 14-day flight to Brazil. If they don't have a good stopover place, they can't make the flight."

Some birds, such as the Rusty Blackbird, have seen their populations decline by 80% in the state. Others, like the wood thrush, "may still be among the most common in the woods areas, but not as common as they used to be. We are identifying which birds are most in trouble in the state, which ones we are in fear of losing," Comins says.

The causes of the decline are various and some are still unknown. Environmental factors can be large or small: birds can fall prey to cats, or "some species can't be reproduced if sea levels continue to rise," he says.

The mystery illness that caused bird deaths in several states including Connecticut last year and led to a months-long recommendation that people not use birdfeeders, is not likely a factor in the massive depletion of bird population. "It's hard to tell now if that had any population impact whatsoever, or if that illness will continue," Comins says. "It's all a complicated web. But we've got our finger on the pulse, here at the Connecticut Audubon Society."

The report features articles by "the top experts in the world," Comins says, "the right people writing about the right species. It's one of the most important reports we've done."

Comins says the annual "State of the Birds" report is months in the making, a process that begins with identifying the most important issue affecting birds that year. Last year the report was one of the first in-depth studies on how the COVID pandemic affected birds.

This year, Comins says, popu-



Connecticut Audubon Society Executive Director Patrick Comins. SCOTT KRUITBOSCH

lation decline was the "clear front-runner. We want this report to set the table for actions of the coming year." He mentions how the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, a federal bill introduced in April, could help rebuild bird habitats and how "local, regional and national priorities need to mesh together."

An improved environment for birds helps everyone, Comins argues. "We require the same clean air and healthy soil as birds do. Connecticut has a vibrant ecotourism component. People have been moving here from New York in droves to be in the woods. Conservation is critical to land values, a better place to live and our way of

The articles in the report are

specific to Connecticut, but as the author of its lead article "Reimagining Bird Conservation in the 21st Century," Peter Marra, says, "We need to think internationally. The people responsible for thinking about Connecticut should also be thinking about Honduras, frankly."

This is a clarion call, a wakeup call," Marra says. "We need to re-imagine bird conservation." He grew up in Connecticut, went to Southern Connecticut State University, worked at Connecticut Audubon in the past and is now a professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He has written extensively about bird

When you are reporting on a massive decline in the populations of birds, you don't just go

back to your day job. You have to ask, 'What do we do?'

"The conservation we're doing is not working. We have to rethink what we're doing." To that end, Marra says, "We are bringing together unprecedented coalitions and groups" to collaborate on solu-

"We don't know what's causing the decline. We know we've lost a lot of habitats. We need to dig in. We've been doing a broad landscape approach and we need to be taking a species-level approach.

Both Comin and Marra note that if decline in some species reaches the point of endangerment or extinction, government regulations become involved and the process gets more complicated and expensive. "Regulations can breed

some ill will," Comins says. "Some migrate through

Connecticut, some breed in Connecticut, some winter in Connecticut, but they go beyond the borders. Connecticut is taking a leadership role in getting the message out, Connecticut Audubon is stepping up, but this is happening in every state."

Despite the alarming decline and resultant clarion call, "we should totally be hopeful," Marra says. "We've done it before." He gives the example of "when we got rid of the DDT." After that pesticide was banned in the U.S. in the 1970s, numerous endangered species rebounded and are no longer on the list.

Comins agrees. "This is a great time for conservation in Connecticut. A lot of positive things are happening in Long Island Sound, and other parts of the state. This report is focusing on how we can be proactive. Right now, we have some amazing tools — water sheds, land conservations, protections for winter habitats."

One important aspect of rebuilding the bird population, Comins says, is maintaining a balance between the birds and the humans who enjoy having them around. "Public access is important. We don't want the birds locked away. If people can't see them, they won't

want to help them." The report, which the form of magazine with separate articles by noted bird experts, is available starting today as a PDF on the society's website, ctaudubon. org, and sent in hard-copy form to members by mail.

At noon Thursday, there is a Zoom presentation of the report, featuring most of its contributors. Registration for the presentation is at ctaudubon.org/2021/11/stateof-the-birds-2021.

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# **WORLD NATION**

# Revolution revisited, 'warts' and all

South Carolina tells independence story from all viewpoints

**By Jeffrey Collins** Associated Press

CAMDEN, S.C. - South Carolina sees the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution as a chance to remind people that the state played a huge part in winning the nation's independence, even if it did try later to tear the United States apart in the Civil War.

The state has opened a new Revolutionary War center, and released an app for mobile devices that explores some 200 sites of battles and other key events, including remote swamps where patriots and loyalists skirmished.

Organizers promise this anniversary won't all involve hero worship of the Founding Fathers and won't turn a blind eye to the slavery that steered South Carolina's history for 400 years.

"The 250th commission is dedicated to telling the story of the American Revolution as it exists — the beauty and the warts and the terror of it all," said Charles Baxley, chairman of the South Carolina American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission. "And they are dedicated to the idea — which is a radical and new idea — of telling it from all points of

Or, as South Carolina's preeminent historian Walter Edgar said: "It's important to tell everyone's story. It's not just the people in the fancy knee britches and the powdered wigs."

Congress commissioned the America250 Foundation five years ago to throw the "biggest, most inclusive commemoration in our



With a mannequin standing guard in the foreground, schoolchildren visit the Revolutionary War Visitor Center on Sept. 24 in Camden, S.C. JEFFREY COLLINS/AP

nation's history" on July 4,2026-250 years after the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence.

Inclusiveness is already evident in Massachusetts, which honored the anniversary of 1770's Boston Massacre with "Reflecting Attucks," an exhibit examining the life and legacy of Crispus Attucks. The son of a slave and a Native American was the first to die when occupying British soldiers fired on angry colonists.

Anniversary organizers in South Carolina, which is often remembered more for leading the Confederacy into secession, say the state can be proud of its role in turning a stalemated war into victory against the British, but it's a story that can't fully be told without including its treatment of enslaved

people. Many slaves fought for the British, who promised them freedom. Others stayed with their owners, who rewarded some by releasing them from bondage. Slaves were often used as spies and messengers, and South Carolina militias fighting for independence from Britain allowed up to one-third of their units to be slaves, but only in support roles like engineers or sailors and not as front-line armed troops, according to Edgar's book, "South Carolina: A History."

For most Black people, the founders' soaring proclamation in the Declaration of Independence that "all men are created equal" did little to change their reality of oppressive servitude in the new United States. A quarter-century later, more than 100,000 people remained enslaved in South Carolina, even after 25,000 slaves were freed by the British. Some 5,000 more just disappeared. There were about 142,000 white men, women and children in the state in 1790.

The plight of slaves is acknowledged at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center, along with Native Americans on both sides of the conflict. Other displays show major players like the "Swamp Fox" Francis Marion, who thwarted plans by British Gen. Banastre Tarleton to decisively end the war. Marion's men exhausted "Bloody" Tarleton's troops, leading them on fruitless swampland chases, before French allies arrived and together they drove the British to surrender.

"It's a case of trying to touch lightly on everything and then send people if they are really interested in the Revolutionary War to other sites that are going to go into more detail," said the center's director, Rickie

There are thousands of stories to tell, and Good said the center's goal is to open the door to as many of them as possible.

"A lot of people don't want their heroes besmirched, I guess," she said. "We call them heroes. They didn't call themselves that. They were people. And they were good and they were bad and they did the best they could in impossible situations, and in many ways I think they were just like we are."

The center is in Camden, not far from where British Gen. Charles Cornwallis' forces routed the patriots in 1780 in the Battle of Camden, one of their worst defeats.

But South Carolinians then formed loose militias that ended the British goal of winning the war by winning the South. They pushed the loyalists north, into the trap that led to Cornwallis surrendering his army to Gen. George Washington.

The state's anniversary commission also wants to commemorate the liberty and equality ushered into the world by the Founding Fathers, even though many of them were plantation owners, and it would take nearly two more centuries for these ideals to fully spread across the nation.

There is a bright light in all of this," Baxley said. "The enlightened language of the founding documents and ideas that made the United States possible — it really was not guns, bullets and knives, it was those powerful ideas — are the same ideas that resonate today in people's minds and rhetoric as they press the case for equality and justice."

# Michigan teen charged in deadly school attack

Student's dad bought handgun days before shooting, sheriff says

**By Corey Williams** and Ed White

Associated Press

OXFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A 15-year-old boy was charged with murder and terrorism for a shooting that killed four fellow students and injured others at a Michigan high school. authorities said Wednesday, revealing that his parents were summoned just a few hours before the bloodshed.

No motive was offered by Oakland County authorities, a day after violence at Oxford High School, roughly 30 miles north of Detroit. But prosecutor Karen McDonald said the shooting was premeditated, based on a "mountain of digital evidence" collected by police.

This was not just an impulsive act," McDonald

Sheriff's Lt. Tim Willis told a judge that Ethan Crumbley recorded a video the night before the violence in which he discussed killing students.

Crumbley was charged as an adult with murder, attempted murder, terrorism causing death and gun crimes. During his arraignment, he replied, "Yes, I do," when asked if he understood the charges. Defense attorney Scott Kozak entered a plea of not guilty.

"He deliberately brought the handgun that day with the intent to murder as many students as he could," assistant prosecutor Marc Keast said in successfully arguing for no bail and a transfer to jail from a juvenile facility.

Earlier, Sheriff Mike Bouchard told reporters that Crumbley's parents were called to the school Tuesday "for behavior in the classroom that was concerning." The teen remained in school, and the shooting occurred a few hours later.

Keast said in court that Crumbley entered a bathroom with a backpack and came out holding a handgun, firing at students while moving down the hallway.

The four students killed were identified as Madisyn Baldwin, 17; Tate Myre, 16; Hana St. Juliana, 14; and Justin Shilling, 17, who died Wednesday.

McDonald noted that Juliana, a volleyball player and basketball player, was characterized by her father as "one of the happiest and most joyful kids."

Baldwin was a talented artist and big sister, Myre was a junior football player and honor student, and Shilling was a co-captain of the bowling team and a golfer,

she said. Bouchard didn't offer details about what had troubled school officials. He said investigators believe the gun was already in school.

"There is nothing that he could have faced that would warrant senseless, absolutely brutal violence on other kids," the sheriff said.

Deputies rushed to the school around lunchtime Tuesday and arrested Crumbley in a hallway within minutes of the shooting. His father bought the 9 mm Sig Sauer gun last week, according to the sheriff.

McDonald said charges were being considered against the parents.

"Owning a gun means securing it properly and locking it and keeping the ammunition separate," she

The shooting should be a wake-up call for new gun laws in a country that has become "desensitized to school shootings," McDonald told reporters.

"We have to do better," the prosecutor said without offering specific changes. "How many times does this



Mourners share their grief Wednesday at a makeshift memorial at Oxford High School in Michigan. Oakland County authorities did not reveal a motive in the shooting. PAUL SANCYA/AP

said he likely was a detective.

have to happen? How many

She said the terrorism charge also fits.

"What about all the children who ran, screaming, hiding under desks? ... Those are victims, too, and so are their families and so is the community," McDon-

Video posted on social media showed students rushing to get out of firstfloor classroom windows rather than open a door to someone who claimed to be a police officer. The sheriff

After the attack, authorities learned of social media posts about threats of a shooting at the roughly 1,700-student school. The sheriff stressed how crucial it is for such tips to be sent

to authorities, while also cautioning against spreading social media rumors before a full investigation. Isabel Flores, a ninth grader, told Detroit television station WJBK that she

and other students heard

gunshots and saw another

student bleeding from the

face. They then ran from the area through the rear of the school, she said.

A concerned parent, Robin Redding, said her son, 12th-grader Treshan Bryant, stayed home Tuesday after hearing threats of a possible shooting.

"This couldn't be just

random," she said. Bryant said he had heard vague threats "for a long time now" about plans for a shooting.

The Detroit News contrib-

Former President Trump called the COVID-19 debate story "Fake News." COOPER **NEILL/THE NEW YORK TIMES** 

# By Maggie Haberman

The New York Times

President Donald Trump tested positive for the coronavirus three days before his first debate with Joe Biden in 2020, two former administration officials said Wednesday.

The White House did not announce the positive test at the time, and the president received a negative result shortly afterward and carried on with a campaign rally and the debate, the officials said. The account was first reported by the Guardian, which cited a forthcoming book by Trump's chief of staff, Mark Meadows.

The two former officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the timeline on Trump's test results contained in "The Chief's Chief," by Meadows, Trump's fourth and final White House chief of staff.

The revelation came nearly a year after widespread speculation that Trump was sick when he

first shared a stage with Biden for their first presidential debate Sept. 29, months into the pandemic.

Trump reportedly tested positive for virus before debate

The White House declined repeatedly at the time to give a precise chronology of when Trump first received a positive coronavirus test result. The administration first told the public in the early hours of Oct. 2 that Trump had tested positive. Trump was hospi-

talized later that day. Trump's positive result was revealed only after a

top adviser, Hope Hicks, was reported to be sick with COVID-19.

Meadows wrote in his book that three days earlier, on Sept. 26, Trump received a positive test before departing the White House for Air Force One to travel to Pennsylvania for a rally.

According to the Guardian, Meadows wrote that the positive test was taken with an older testing kit, and that the new one was the "Binax system, and that we were hoping the first test was a

false positive." Trump took the second result as "full permission to press on as if nothing had happened," Meadows wrote, according to the Guardian. The day after the positive

result, Trump attended an event for military families.

In a statement released by his office, Trump replied, 'The story of me having COVID prior to, or during, the first debate is Fake News. In fact, a test revealed that I did not have COVID prior to the debate."









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# French don't want their language to go to 'iel'

Dictionary's decision to include nonbinary pronoun sparks fury

By Roger Cohen and Leontine Gallois The New York Times

PARIS — Perhaps France was always going to have a hard time with nonbinary pronouns. Its language is intensely gender-specific and fiercely protected by august authorities. Still, the furor provoked by a prominent dictionary's inclusion of the pronoun "iel" has been remarkably virulent.

Le Petit Robert, rivaled only by the Larousse in linguistic authority, chose to add "iel" — a gender-neutral merging of the masculine "il" (he) and the feminine "elle" (she) — to its latest online edition.

Jean-Michel Blanquer, the education minister, was not amused.

"You must not manipulate the French language, whatever the cause," he said, expressing support for the view that "iel" was an expression of "wokisme."

Blanquer is seemingly convinced of a sweeping American "woke" assault on France aimed at spreading racial and gender discord over French universalism. Last month he told the daily Le Monde that a backlash against what he called woke ideology was the main factor in the 2016 victory of Donald

In this instance, however, he was joined by Brigitte Macron, the first lady.

"There are two pronouns: he and she," she declared. "Our language is beautiful. And two pronouns are appropriate."

The Robert defines "iel" (pronounced roughly "yell") as "a third person subject pronoun in the singular and plural used to evoke a person of any gender."

Charles Bimbenet, its director-general, posted a statement rejecting the



France believes its language is under attack. Above, a woman near the Eiffel Tower in Paris. THIBAULT CAMUS/AP 2020

minister's charge of mili-

"The mission of the Robert is to observe the evolution of a French language that is in motion and diverse, and take account of that," he wrote. "To define the words that describe the world is to aid better comprehension of it."

France, a country where it is illegal for the state to compile racial statistics, is particularly on edge over the rise of U.S. gender and race politics. President Emmanuel Macron has warned that "certain social science theories entirely imported from the United States" may be a

Blanquer has identified "an intellectual matrix" in U.S. universities bent on undermining a supposedly colorblind French society of equal men and women through the promotion of identity-based victimhood.

This is the backdrop to the "iel" explosion, which leftwing newspaper Libération described under the headline "The Highway to Iel."

Neologisms like "anti-

vax" and "passe sanitaire" (health pass) do enter the lexicon with some regularity, but the Academie française, founded in 1634 to protect the French language, remains a vigilant guardian of linguistic purity against what one member called "brainless Globish" a couple of years ago.

Lilian Delhomme, 24, a gender-nonconforming student of international affairs at the University of Paris 8 who has been using the pronoun "iel" for about a year, was appalled by Brigitte Macron's statement.

"This for me was very violent," Delhomme said in an interview. "Coming from the first lady, from a woman, from a French teacher, from someone whose relationship went against many societal norms, it made me lose

Delhomme was referring to the fact that the relationship between Macron, 68, and President Macron, 43. began in high school when he was a teenager and she was his drama teacher, married with three children.

Explaining the decision to switch to "iel," Delhomme said: "Life was difficult enough being gay, and I didn't want to add to that, but gradually I evolved, and I understood that my identity was not that of a man."

This year, Delhomme informed fellow students and faculty of the new pronoun preference. To little avail.

"Everyone still calls me 'he,' which is pretty disappointing for political science students," said Delhomme, whose professor asked, "What on earth is that?" when Delhomme used "iel" on a resume.

For some time, a movement for "inclusive writing" has battled the linguistic establishment in France. It is broadly an attempt to wean the French language of its male bias, including the rule that when it comes to the choice of pronouns for groups of women and men, the male form takes precedence over the female, and when it comes to adjectives describing mixed gatherings, they take the mascu-

line form. The Academie rebuffed such attempts earlier this year. Its secretary-in-perpetuity, Helene Carrere d'Encausse, said that inclusive writing, even if it seemed to bolster a movement against sexist discrimination, "is not only counterproductive for that cause but harmful to the practice and intelligibility of

the French language." Gwenaelle Perrier, who teaches gender studies at the University of Paris 13, said that the sacredness of the French language had become an acceptable terrain on which to take on feminism now that others were frowned upon.

"To attack inclusive writing, and the pronoun 'iel', is an easy way for anti-feminists to express themselves," she said. "Much more discreet than attacking women or trans people directly."

Francois Jolivet, a centerright lawmaker, has led the campaign against the Robert's decision to admit "iel" to its dictionary. He wrote to the Academie française demanding that it take up the matter.

In an interview, Jolivet argued that when "you legitimize words, you legitimize thoughts."

He added: "These Robert lexicographers are introducing a word that barely exists in our country. That is militancy; that is not doing their

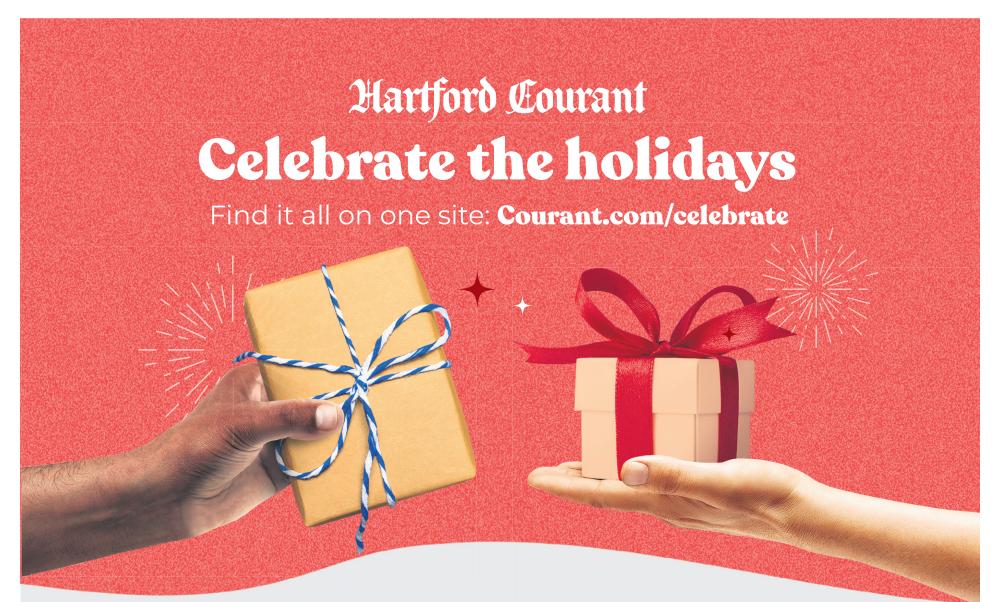
Describing himself as a tolerant man convinced that "iel" was the wrong battle, he said that France was now the preferred target of what he called "promoters of woke culture." France, he insisted, will never accept that human beings be corralled into sectarian communities, be they of race or gender.

Most Americans would be astonished to discover that what Jolivet called the woke movement — which he described as an insult to everyone else who is "supposedly asleep" - is really about attacking France. Equally, few French people outside a bubble of universities, media and politics ever discuss "le wokisme" or preferred pronouns in their daily lives.

Still, at a time when the U.S. State Department has issued its first passport with an X gender marker for nonbinary, intersex and gender-nonconforming persons, the outcry over "iel" suggests how sensitive France and the U.S. have become over their divergent approaches to gender and

The differences are not only international. The Larousse dictionary derided the Robert initiative, dismissing "iel" as a "pseudo pronoun."

Bernard Cerquiglini, a lexicographer at Larousse, told the newspaper Le Figaro that "pronouns have not changed since the fourth century." As for the masculine form, "it plays a generic role. that's just the way it is, and has been since vulgate



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# Taliban exact revenge on Afghans

Scores of ex-security forces are missing or dead, report finds

**By Sharif Hassan** The New York Times

More than 100 former members of the Afghan security forces in four provinces have been killed by the Taliban or have disappeared in the first 2½ months of the militants' rule, according to a report by Human Rights Watch.

The deaths are part of a string of assassinations and summary executions, largely considered revenge killings, that have been happening across Afghanistan since the fall of Ashraf Ghani's government in August.

The attacks underscore the dangers that Taliban critics, activists and members of the former government's security forces face despite the Taliban announcement when they seized power of a general amnesty for former government workers and military officials.

In a report released this week, Human Rights Watch detailed the killing and forced disappearance of 47 members of the former government's security forces who had either surrendered to the Taliban or were detained by them between Aug. 15 and Oct. 31 in four of the country's 34 provinces: Ghazni, Helmand, Kandahar and Kunduz.

The group's research indicates that the Taliban are responsible for the deaths or disappearances of at least another 53 former security force members in the same provinces

"The Taliban leadership's promised amnesty has not stopped local commanders from summarily executing or disappearing former Afghan security force members," said Patricia Gossman, associate Asia director of the Human Rights Watch. "The burden is on the Taliban to prevent further killings, hold



An old Soviet tank sits in the ruins of a fortress overlooking Ghazni, Afghanistan, in September. Ghazni was among four Afghan provinces where Human Rights Watch found evidence of retaliatory killings. **VICTOR J. BLUE/THE NEW YORK TIMES** 

those responsible to account and compensate the victims' families."

Gossman said that the killings had evolved into a more "deliberate" effort to crush dissidents and those who may pose a threat to the new government and that the Taliban leaders were "condoning" the atrocities.

The Taliban have a long history of targeting security forces and officials of the former government, as well as activists, journalists and elders. In the 18 months leading up to the takeover, the Taliban carried out an assassination campaign against journalists, government and military workers and civil society leaders, though they rarely took responsibility for the deaths.

But the recent summary executions and assassinations have raised new fears because they occurred even in the face of reassurances from senior Taliban leaders that the new government would not seek retribution against members of the former government and mili-

Score settling and blood feuds have marked Afghanistan's last four decades of conflict, often playing out at the local and familial level.

A Taliban spokesperson told The New York Times that some fighters might have taken the law into their own hands to settle old scores, but that the killings and disappearances were not Taliban policy. The spokesperson, Inamullah Samangani, said the government was "seriously investigating" such incidents to identify the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

"We are fully committed

"We are fully committed to the amnesty that we have announced," Samangani said in a phone interview. "We don't have a security system yet in place, and some people are taking advantage of this vacuum, misusing the name of Islamic Emirate, and carrying out such killings."

He said: "Revenge killings aren't in the interest of our government. They are harmful to Islamic Emirate's reputation at this critical time."

The killings raise concerns that Taliban leaders may have little control over lower-rank commanders and foot soldiers, who are believed to be behind most of the forced disappearances and executions.

Among the Afghans whose

Among the Afghans whose deaths were documented by Human Rights Watch was a man named Dadullah, who had worked only for a few months as a police officer in Kandahar city, then quit his job and moved to the town of Spin Boldak near the Pakistan border before the Taliban takeover.

Last month, Dadullah returned to Kandahar city. Two men believed to be Taliban members picked him up on Oct. 23, and his body was

sent home in an ambulance

later that evening.
Since seizing power,
government leaders have
instructed members of the
former security forces to
register with local officials
and surrender their weapons
in exchange for a letter guaranteeing their safety.

But some victims' families say the Taliban have used these screenings to detain and kill former officials, the report said. Former civil servants in top government posts, such as judges, who did not realize they were required to obtain an amnesty letter, have been beaten and detained for not doing so, according to the report.

The report also says the Taliban have carried out searches to find some former security force members, and have threatened and abused their families to try to get them to disclose their hideouts.

Many of the victims were arrested when the Taliban's elite special forces, known as red units, raided their homes in the middle of the night under the pretext of seizing weapons, according to the report. These units led the Taliban's most successful operations against coalition and former government forces in recent years.

In September, the killings prompted the Taliban's acting defense minister, Mawlawi Muhammad Yaqoub, to issue an admonition to his commanders.

"Islamic Emirate has announced a general amnesty to all the soldiers and bad people who stood against us, and martyred us and caused suffering to the people," he told the Taliban fighters in a voice message distributed by the government. "Once they are pardoned, no mujahid has the right to break the amnesty commitment or take revenge."

But that seems to have had little effect on the Taliban fighters.

In a recent killing confirmed by The New York Times, Bahauddin Kunduzi, a former intelligence officer, was found dead two weeks after he went missing in Kunduz city, a hub in Afghanistan's north.

Kunduzi had handed over his weapon and equipment and had received a letter guaranteeing his safety, according to his family. The Taliban even allowed him to continue working at the intelligence agency.

Then one evening, a group of Talibs arrived at the grocery store Kunduzi had just opened to generate some income since the new government was unable to pay his monthly salary, his relatives said.

"They beat him up in the store, then took him," one family member said, his voice disappearing into sobs behind the phone. "They strangled him, then dumped his body into a ditch."



Russian President Vladimir Putin warned NATO earlier this week not to deploy troops and weapons to Ukraine. **GRIGORY SYSOEV/SPUTNIK, KREMLIN POOL PHOTO VIA AP** 

# Putin demands NATO pledge not to expand closer to Russia

By Vladimir Isachenkov Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Moscow would seek Western guarantees precluding any further NATO expansion and deployment of its weapons near his country's borders, a stern demand that comes amid fears of a Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Ukrainian and Western officials have worried about a Russian troop buildup near Ukraine, saying it could signal Moscow's intention of an attack. Russian diplomats countered by expressing concern about Ukraine's military buildup near the area of the separatist conflict in the eastern part of the country.

part of the country.

U.S. Secretary of State
Antony Blinken, noting that
Putin could quickly order an
invasion of Ukraine, warned
that Washington stands
ready to inflict heavy sanctions on Russia if he does.
Blinken gave no details
on what kind of sanctions
were under consideration if

Russia did invade Ukraine. Speaking at a Kremlin ceremony where he received credentials from foreign ambassadors, Putin emphasized that Russia will seek "reliable and long-term security guarantees."

"In a dialogue with the United States and its allies, we will insist on working out specific agreements that would exclude any further NATO moves eastward and the deployment of weapons systems that threaten us in close vicinity to Russian territory," Putin said.

He charged that "the threats are mounting on our western border," with NATO placing its military infrastructure closer to Russia and offered the West to engage in substantive talks on the issue, adding that Moscow would need not just verbal assurances, but "legal guarantees."

Putin's statement came a day after he warned NATO against deploying its troops and weapons to Ukraine, saying it represented a red line for Russia and would trigger a strong response.

Tensions have been soaring in recent weeks about a Russian troop buildup near Ukraine, which worried Ukrainian and Western officials, who saw it as a possible sign of Moscow's intention to invade its former Soviet neighbor.

NATO foreign ministers warned Russia on Tuesday that any attempt to further destabilize Ukraine would be a costly mistake.

The Kremlin insists it has no such intention and has accused Ukraine and its Western backers of making the claims to cover up their own allegedly aggressive designs.

designs.
Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said the concentration of Ukrainian troops looks "alarming," adding that he was going to raise the issue during a ministerial meeting in Stockholm of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe on Thursday.

He again assailed Ukraine for failing to meet its obligations under a 2015 peace deal for the region that was brokered by France and Germany and signed in Belarus.

"Kyiv is becoming increasingly insolent in its aggressiveness towards the Minsk agreements, the Russian Federation, and in its attempts to provoke the West to support its military ambitions," Lavrov said.

# Senate Republicans threaten shutdown over shot mandate

By Emily Cochrane
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — A group of Senate Republicans is threatening to delay action on a spending bill needed to avert a lapse in federal funding Friday unless it also bans enforcement of the Biden administration's vaccineand-testing mandate for large employers, heightening the threat of a government shutdown.

With Congress lagging behind on finalizing the dozen annual spending bills needed to keep the government running, there is broad acknowledgment that lawmakers will need to pass a stopgap measure this week to stave off a shutdown

down.

But one day before funding is set to lapse, Democrats and Republicans remain at odds over how long the temporary measure should stretch into 2022 and other details. Congressional leaders in both parties have downplayed the chances of a shutdown, but they conceded that the funding deadline has increased the leverage of senators pressing their own individual

agendas.

"If every member of this chamber used the threat of a shutdown to secure concessions on their own interests, that would lead to chaos for the millions and millions of Americans who rely on a functioning government," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., the majority leader.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the minority leader, said Tuesday, "We won't shut down."

still, the vaccine mandate-related objections have raised the prospect of at least a temporary lapse in funding, presenting the first hiccup for Senate Democrats as they juggle efforts to fund the government, raise the debt ceiling, complete a military policy bill and enact their marquee



Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he wants to extend the stopgap bill for several months. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

\$2.2 trillion domestic policy legislation — all before Christmas.

"We will not support — and will use all means at our disposal to oppose — legislation that funds or in any way enables the enforcement of President Biden's employer vaccine mandate," a dozen Republican senators, led by Sen. Roger Marshall of Kansas, wrote last month in a letter to Schumer.

The House Freedom Caucus, the right flank of the House Republican conference, wrote its own letter Wednesday asking McConnell to use "all procedural tools at his disposal to deny timely passage" of the legislation.

Because the stopgap bill maintains existing funding, effectively freezing in place spending levels negotiated with the Trump administration and a Republican-controlled Senate in 2020, Democrats are pressing to make it as short-lived as possible. But Republicans have pushed to extend the measure longer

measure longer.

"I'd like February, March would suit me — April, May," said Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the Appropriations Committee. "I think it gives us more time to conjugate the same and the same are same as a same

to seriously sit down."

Lawmakers were also

debating additional spending provisions, including additional funding for Afghan refugees and a provision averting billions of dollars in cuts to Medicare, subsidies and other programs. But even if an agreement is reached, the Senate would require unanimous support to waive a number of procedural steps and swiftly take up the legislation before the Friday deadline.

Without unanimous agreement, the process could drag through the weekend, forcing a brief shutdown. Senate Republicans, with the strong backing of House Republicans, have threatened to prolong the debate unless the bill prohibits funding for a mandate that all large employers require their workers be vaccinated against the coronavirus or submit to weekly testing.

Democrats criticized Republicans on Wednesday for threatening to shutter the government over a policy that is aimed at stemming the spread of the pandemic.

"The fact that they want to walk right up to a government shutdown over a public health issue should frighten the American public," said Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-Calif.

#### **WORLD & NATION**

#### **NEWS BRIEFING**

# **Confronting inequity** critical in Biden's new plan to fight HIV/AIDS

From news services

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden on Wednesday unveiled his new HIV/ AIDS strategy to end the more than 40-year-old epidemic, calling for a renewed focus on vulnerable Americans — including gay and bisexual Black and Latino men, who his administration says are too often stigmatized even as they are disproportionately affected.

The new strategy, which declares racism a "public health threat," was released on the annual commemoration of World AIDS Day. It is meant to serve as a framework for how the administration shapes its policies, research, programs and planning over the next three

But Biden acknowledged that the country still needs to work to destignatize HIV/ AIDS and noted that LGBT and racial minority groups have "endured the brunt" of the epidemic that's killed more than 36 million worldwide, including 700,000 Americans.

"I want to make sure that everyone in the United States knows their HIV status, and everyone with HIV receives high-quality care and treatment that they deserve and that we end the harmful stigma around HIV and AIDS," Biden said.

The new strategy asserts that over generations "structural inequities have resulted in racial and ethnic health disparities that are severe, far-reaching, and unaccept-

New HIV infections in the U.S. fell about 8% from 2015 to 2019, but Black and Latino communities particularly gay and bisexual men within those groups continue to be disproportionately affected, according to Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention data. African Americans make up about 13% of the U.S. population but accounted for more than 40% of new

infections. The Latino population accounted for nearly 25% of new infections but makes up about 18.5% of the U.S. population.

The strategy includes calls for focusing on the needs of disproportionately affected populations, supporting racial justice, combating HIV-related stigma and discrimination and providing leadership and employment opportunities for people with or at risk for

Capitol breach: The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection voted Wednesday to pursue contempt charges against Jeffrey Clark, a former Justice Department official who refused to answer the committee's questions, even as the committee has agreed to let him come back for another try.

The committee voted 9-0 to pursue criminal charges against Clark, who aligned with Donald Trump as the then-president tried to overturn his election defeat to Democrat Joe Biden.

The Democratic chairman of the panel, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, said it had received a last-minute notification from Clark's lawver that he wants to instead invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Thompson said the lawyer offered "no specific basis for that assertion" and "no facts that would allow the committee to consider it." However, the committee will give him a second chance at a deposition set for Saturday.

The recommendation of criminal contempt charges against Clark will now go



Glad to see you again: Traditional dancers welcome tourists Wednesday in Nadi, Fiji, for the first time in nearly two years as the pandemic continues. The South Pacific island, which depends heavily on tourism, pushed ahead with its plan to reopen despite the threat posed by the omicron variant of the coronavirus recently discovered in South Africa. LEON LORD/GETTY-AFP

to the full House for a vote, though it is unclear if that will be delayed.

Abrams to run again: Stacey Abrams, the Georgia Democrat and leading voting rights activist, said Wednesday that she will launch another campaign to become the nation's first Black woman governor.

The announcement could set up a rematch between Abrams and incumbent Republican Gov. Brian Kemp. Their 2018 contest was one of the most narrowly decided races for governor that year and was dominated by allegations of voter suppression, which Kemp denied.

Yet Abrams' strong showing convinced national Democrats that Georgia should no longer be written off as a GOP stronghold. Her performance and subsequent organization convinced Joe Biden to invest heavily in the state in 2020, and he became the first Democratic presidential candidate to capture it since 1992. The party later won a narrow Senate majority after victories in two special elections in the state.

In a video announcing her candidacy, Abrams said "opportunity and success in Georgia shouldn't be determined by background or access to power."

Kemp said in a statement that Abrams was a on a "never-ending campaign for power."

Migration rules: Top European Union migration officials offered Wednesday to ease asylum-evaluation rules for Poland, Lithuania and Latvia in response to what the EU has called a "hybrid attack" by Belarus to destabilize the bloc using migrants and refugees.

The move would make it harder for people to enter the 27-nation bloc from Belarus, even though fewer are trying. Charity groups and lawmakers said the revised procedures would amount to legalizing "pushbacks," the act of denying people their right to apply for asylum, often using force.

The EU migration offi-

cials proposed allowing Poland, Lithuania and Latvia for six months to extend the required time for registering asylum applications from three to 10 days to up to four weeks. Applications would only be accepted at dedicated border crossing points.

About 8,000 people seeking asylum, many from Iraq, have crossed into the three EU countries this year.

California shooting: Jacqueline Avant, a Los Angeles philanthropist and the wife of music legend Clarence Avant, was fatally shot in Beverly Hills, California, early Wednesday, according to authorities and a Netflix spokeswoman.

Netflix spokeswoman Emily Feingold confirmed that Jacqueline Avant was killed in the shooting. Avant's daughter, Nicole, is married to Ted Sarandos, Netflix co-CEO and chief content

Jacqueline Avant, 81, was a local philanthropist who was president of the Neighbors of Watts and served on

the board of directors of the International Student Center at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Her husband, Clarence Avant, is known as the "Godfather of Black Music" and was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

WWII bomb explodes: A  $World\,War\,II\,bomb\,exploded$ at a construction site next to a busy railway line in Munich on Wednesday, injuring four people, one of them seriously, German authorities said.

Smoke was seen near the Donnersbergerbruecke station. The construction site for a new commuter train line is on the approach to Munich's central station, about a half-mile east.

Trains to and from that station, one of Germany's busiest, were suspended but service resumed in mid-afternoon.

Bavaria's state interior minister, Joachim Herrmann, said the 550-pound bomb was found during drilling work, German news agency dpa reported.

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# BUSINESS

# Powell: Fed 'not at all sure' inflation will fade in 2022

By Christopher Rugaber

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a fresh sign of his growing concerns about inflation, Chair Jerome Powell said Wednesday that the Federal Reserve can't be sure that price increases will slow in the second half of next year as many economists expect.

Powell told the House Financial Services Committee that most economists regard the current price spikes, which have sent consumer inflation to a three-decade high, as largely a response to the coronavirus pandemic's persistent disruptions to supply and demand. As Americans have spent more time at home, they have ramped up spending on furniture, appliances, laptop computers. Soaring demand for such goods, combined with parts shortages, have resulted in supply chain snarls and higher prices.

In the past, Powell, who was nominated last month to a second four-year term by President Joe Biden, has frequently expressed his belief that these supplyand-demand imbalances should fade as the pandemic eases, which would reduce inflation. But on Wednesday, he said that while such an outcome is "likely," it is only

"The point is, we can't act as if we're sure of that," he said. "We're not at all sure of that. Inflation has been more persistent and higher than we've expected.'

At the same hearing, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen clashed with many committee Republicans, who charged that excess spending by the Biden administration has been a major contributor to inflation. The administration's proposed \$2 trillion social and environmental spending bill, they argued, would further accelerate inflation.

"It is the multiple trillions of dollars that this Congress and this administration is spending that is putting jet fuel on the fires of this economy," said Rep. Patrick McHenry, R-N.C. "It is making things

Yellen countered that the new spending would occur over a decade and would be paid for, which would reduce its inflationary impact. She also argued that the proposals to spend more on child care subsidies, universal early child care education and the child tax credit would make it easier for many women to return to work after having children. Their return, she said, would help address the labor shortages that are contributing to higher inflation.

Powell's latest remarks came a day after he signaled a sharp turn toward tightening credit more quickly than the Fed has previously indicated. The Fed chair said Tuesday that it would be "appropriate" for the central bank to consider accelerating the reduction of its bond purchases at its next meeting in mid-December. That step would pave the way to the Fed hiking its benchmark interest rate as early as next spring.

Powell also downplayed sharp wage gains this year as something that could boost inflation further, suggesting that he doesn't yet see a wage-price spiral developing. In the 1970s, as prices rose steadily, workers were able to demand higher pay to keep up with greater costs. Yet businesses then raised prices further to cover the higher wages, extending the worst run of inflation since World War II.

'We like to see wages move up," Powell said. "At this point, we don't see them moving up at a troubling rate that would that would tend to spark higher inflation, but that's something we're watching very carefully."

On Tuesday, Powell said he was ready to "retire" the use of the word "transitory" to describe inflation. Instead, he said the "risk of higher inflation has increased."

# Haugen: 'Act now' to fix social media rules

**By Marcy Gordon** Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Facebook employee and whistleblower Frances Haugen implored lawmakers Wednesday to avert the usual congressional stalemates as they weigh proposals to curb abuses on social media platforms by limiting the companies' free-speech protections against

"Facebook wants you to get caught up in a long, drawn-out debate over the minutiae of different legislative approaches. Please don't fall into that trap," Haugen testified at a hearing by a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee. "Time is of the essence. There is a lot at stake here. You have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create new rules for our online world. I came forward, at great personal risk, because I believe we still have time to act. But we

Lawmakers brought forward proposals after Haugen presented a case in October that Facebook's systems amplify online hate and extremism and fail to protect young users from harmful content.

Most notably, they include new curbs on the long-standing legal protections for speech posted on social media platforms.

Both Republican and Democratic lawmakers have called for stripping away some of the protections granted by a provision in a 25-year-old law — generally known as Section 230 — that shields internet companies from liability for what users post.

Many social media companies use computer algorithms to rank and recommend content that shows up on users' news

Haugen's idea is to remove the protections in cases where dominant content driven by algorithms favors massive engagement by users over public safety.



Moviegoers make their way to the concession stand earlier this year at a theater in Chicago. About 49% of pre-pandemic moviegoers are no longer buying tickets, according to a study on the state of the movie theater business in the United States. CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

# Slow going to the show again

Facing a 'perfect storm,' movie theaters must rethink the experience, study says

**By Brooks Barnes** The New York Times

LOS ANGELES - About 49% of pre-pandemic moviegoers are no longer buving tickets. Some of them, roughly 8%, have likely been lost forever. To win back the rest, multiplex owners must "urgently" rethink

pricing and customer perks in addition to focusing on coronavirus safety.

Those were some of the takeaways from a new study on the state of the U.S. movie theater business, which was troubled before the pandemic – attendance declining, streaming services proliferating and has struggled to rebound from coronavirus-forced closings in 2020. Over the weekend, ticket sales in the United States and Canada stood at roughly \$96 million, compared with \$181 million over the same period in 2019.

The study, published online this week, was self-commissioned by the Quorum, a film research company led by David Herrin, former head of research for United Talent

Agency; Cultique, a consultancy run by longtime brand strategist Linda Ong; and Fanthropology, which describes itself as a research, strategy and creative agency. They intend to run the survey once a quar-

"The research clearly shows that theaters are suffering because the pandemic intensified, accelerated, amplified all of the nascent trends that were already underway," Ong said. "That is the definition of a perfect storm — not that various problems exist at the same time, but that they have an intensifying effect on each other."

The nascent trends? Rising ticket and concession prices. Decreasing "experiential value," including the perception that moviegoing has become a hassle. The rundown state of shopping malls, which house many theaters. A generational shift toward streaming, gaming and other smartphone-based entertainment.

"Before, maybe you went every now and again — overlooking the drawbacks," Herrin said. "Now you add safety concerns to that mix, and you suddenly become a former filmgoer."

The research companies surveyed 2,528 people who visited a movie theater in 2019. (Some bought a ticket once a week,

while others went once a month. Others went "several" times a year.) About 51% of respondents said they had bought tickets in recent months, with some drawn by cinema-chain rewards programs. They are largely white men ages 25 to 45 who live in cities, according to Herrin.

The 49% no longer buying tickets were more likely to be in favor of a vaccine mandate for attendees. This group, predominantly female, was also more likely to be concerned about price and value, Herrin said. Still, he noted that roughly a third were "hopeful" about returning to theaters at some point. Among the changes most likely to bring them back: lower prices for classic concessions, newer seats, policing the usage of phones during films.

There needs to be a sense of urgency," Herrin said. "I don't know how large a window there is for exhibition to win these people back," he added, using Hollywood jargon for the multiplex business.

The "likely losts," as the study identifies 8% of respondents who said they have not bought a ticket during the pandemic and can't see themselves returning, are lower-income consumers. The group has a large proportion of Hispanic, Black and Asian women, the researchers noted.

# **BUSINESS BRIEFING**

# GM venture eyes new battery plant

DETROIT — General Motors is forming a joint venture with Posco Chemical of South Korea to build a North American battery materials plant as it brings more steps in the electric vehicle supply chain under its

The Detroit automaker said Wednesday that details of the venture are still being worked out, including investment amounts and the plant location. GM said the factory will supply materials to make cathodes, the energy center of a battery that amounts to 40% of the cost.

The company said the plant will employ hundreds of people and will start making materials in 2024 to supply four North American battery cell factories that GM plans to build.

# Gateses giving to go on separately

Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates said they will still work with the Giving Pledge, the campaign they co-founded to encourage billionaires to donate the majority of their wealth through philanthropy. But following their divorce earlier this year, the two will do it separately and in their own ways.

French Gates said she plans to focus on "fighting poverty and advancing equality – for women and girls and other marginalized groups — in the United States and around the world" through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and her own Pivotal Ventures.

For his part, Gates, the Microsoft Corp. co-founder, said he plans to keep the Gates Foundation as his primary outlet for his giving with a focus on education and life-saving medicines.

# Calif. female board member law in jeopardy

By Brian Melley **Associated Press** 

LOS ANGELES - When then-California Gov. Jerry Brown signed the nation's first law requiring women on boards of publicly traded companies, he suggested it might

not survive legal challenges. Three years later, a judge began hearing evidence Wednesday in Los Angeles Superior Court that could undo the law credited with giving more women seats in boardrooms traditionally dominated by men. The California law has spurred other states to adopt or consider similar laws.

The conservative legal group Judicial Watch brought the lawsuit claiming it's illegal to use taxpayer funds to enforce a law

that violates the equal protection clause of the California Constitution by mandating a gender-based quota.

Another conservative legal group has filed a separate lawsuit in federal court claiming the law violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Former Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, who authored the legislation, said the bill did not impose a quota because boards don't need a certain percentage of women. Corporations can meet the requirement by adding women without undermining the rights of male board members.

She said the plaintiffs should be embarrassed for claiming the law is discrimina-

The law required publicly traded compa-

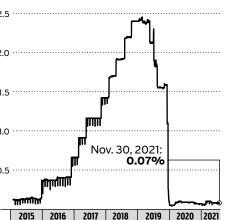
nies headquartered in California to have one member who identifies as a woman on their boards of directors by the end of 2019. By January, boards with five directors must have two women and boards with six or more members must have three women.

Penalties range from \$100,000 fines for companies that fail to report board compositions to the California secretary of state's office. Companies that do not include the required number of female board members can be fined \$100,000 for first violations and \$300,000 for subsequent violations.

Fewer than half the nearly 650 applicable corporations in the state reported last year that they had complied. No companies have been fined, though the secretary of state can do so, said spokeswoman Jenna Dresner.

# Effective federal funds rate

Daily interest rate at which banks lend each other reserve funds



SOURCE: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

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### **BUSINESS**

# **Eversource picks 1st head of** operations from Connecticut

**By Stephen Singer** Hartford Courant

Eversource Energy on Wednesday announced the appointment of its first Connecticut head of operations as it works to repair its image with customers still upset over last year's extended outages following Tropical Storm Isaias.

The utility, roundly criticized for its handling of the August 2020 storm when 800,000 customers lost power for days, turned to the head of its transmission system — and a resident of northeast Connecticut — as president of the Connecticut Light & Power Co.

Steve Sullivan, transmission project management and construction vice president overseeing transmission and distribution substation projects, begins his assignment Sunday. He will oversee electric operations and system maintenance in the state and lead the company's storm response and decisions on how to allocate resources.

Sullivan, a civil engineer,



Steve Sullivan says he's eager to begin work "to ensure the electric grid is strong and reliable." COURTESY

said he's eager to begin work "to ensure the electric grid is strong and reliable and further enhance our emergency preparedness so our customers can feel confident that when a storm comes, we're ready to respond."

Appointing a Connecticut head of operations was required in a settlement approved in October by the state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority. The utility also must provide customer

Eversource has offices in Hartford, but Connecticut officials, ratepayers and consumer advocates have complained for years about the loss of the state's own electric company when Connecticut Light & Power's parent company, Northeast Utilities, purchased Bostonbased NStar in 2012. The merged company soon changed its name to Ever-

Critics said service and storm response deteriorated as the utility became more distant from Connecticut's towns and cities.

"As we reset our relationships with communities and customers in Connecticut, Steve will play a critical role in building positive relationships and partnerships while driving a refreshed customer focus and aiming for continuous operational improvements," said Werner Schweiger, the utility's executive vice president and chief operating officer.

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# New Twitter CEO steps into foreground from background

By Mike Isaac, **Kate Conger** and Cade Metz

The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO -When Jack Dorsey, then Twitter's executive chairman, pushed the company to build out its machine learning and artificial intelligence capabilities in 2014, he turned to an engineer, Parag Agrawal.

When Dorsey later became Twitter's CEO and needed help overhauling the company's infrastructure, he also tapped Agrawal.

And when Dorsey envisioned a future for Twitter in 2019 that would be based on the concept of decentralization and technologies such as the blockchain, he again pulled in Agrawal to help.

On Monday, Dorsey made the handover complete when he stepped down as CEO and Agrawal, 37, was named Twitter's new leader.

Agrawal, the chief technology officer since 2017, is little-known to the public, with even some Twitter insiders saying they were surprised by his appointment.

But behind the scenes, the India-born engineer has been a Twitter veteran and confidant of Dorsey's who has been involved in many of the company's biggest strategic initiatives. That made Dorsey effusive about his successor, saying in a tweet that the board had run a "rigorous" search for a new CEO and had "unanimously" endorsed Agrawal.

In his own message to employees Monday, Agrawal emphasized his knowledge of the company and his kinship with its workers.

"I joined this company 10 years ago when there were fewer than 1,000 employees," Agrawal wrote in the company email, which he also tweeted. "I've walked in your shoes, I've seen the ups and downs, the challenges



Parag Agrawal, 37, is the firm's new leader. TWITTER

and obstacles, the wins and the mistakes. But then and now, above all else, I see Twitter's incredible impact, our continued progress, and the exciting opportunities ahead of us.

Yet as Twitter's new chief, Agrawal has his work cut out for him. The company, which is based in San Francisco, faces challenges, such as placating activist investors and calming an agitated Congress about its power, divisiveness and potential to censor free speech. Agrawal is also charged with carrying out Dorsey's vision for decentralizing Twitter so that its users can eventually govern what is allowable on the service themselves.

Born in Mumbai, Agrawal studied computer science and engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, an elite technical university. In 2005, he moved to the United States and enrolled at Stanford University to pursue a doctorate in computer science. There, he joined a research group focused on databases, which let computers store and mine large amounts of digi-

tal information. Agrawal's focus on databases made him a natural fit for Twitter, which must juggle data arriving from tens of millions of people across the globe. He joined the company in 2011 before completing his doctorate and became a key member of the engineering team that oversaw the company's advertising technologies.

He then became a member of what was known as the Twitter Architecture Group, or TAG, a team of top engineers who reviewed and improved the company's projects that were under development.

When Dorsey returned to Twitter as CEO in 2015, Agrawal was one of his lieutenants who helped refocus the company's efforts on the "timeline" that feeds tweets into a user's Twitter app. In 2017, Twitter promoted Agrawal to chief technology officer.

Even as chief technology officer, Agrawal has kept a low profile. He worked behind the scenes to rebuild Twitter's technical infrastructure, which had been cobbled together over the vears. That led to engineering problems and prevented the company from introducing new products and services as quickly as it wanted. Agrawal helped Twitter shift to using cloud computing services from Google and Amazon, streamlining its operations.

Agrawal has also managed Twitter's effort to incorporate cryptocurrencies into the platform, letting users send tips in cryptocurrency like Bitcoin. And he has supported efforts to be transparent about Twitter's algorithmic mistakes.

Agrawal's emphasis on product development appealed to insiders who believed Twitter had moved too slowly to introduce new products, a person familiar with the succession process

Agrawal will receive an annual salary of \$1 million, plus bonuses, as well as restricted stock units and performance-based stock units valued at \$12.5 million, according to a company filing Monday.

# **Dubai Expo workers face hardships**

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates - Intent on making a flawless impression as the first host of the world's fair in the Middle East, Dubai poured billions of dollars into the pandemic-delayed Expo 2020, hoping to attract 25 million visitors to its pristine fairgrounds and jubilant festivities that opened last month.

Propping up the world's fair that began Oct. 1 and runs until March 31, 2022, is the United Arab Emirates' contentious labor system that long has drawn accusations of mistreating workers.

Dubai, highly sensitive to its image, is aware that Expo is drawing attention

to its labor practices.

It has held companies on the project to higher-than-normal standards of worker treatment. Contractors offer better wages and benefits to Expo workers, compared with elsewhere in the country, and many say they are grateful for the jobs.

But violations have persisted, according to human rights groups and interviews with over two dozen workers by Associated Press. Advocates blame the UAE's labor sponsorship system that relies on chains of foreign subcontractors, ties workers' residency to their jobs and gives outsize power to employers. Workers say they have

had to pay exorbitant, illegal fees to local recruiters to work at the world's fair; employers have confiscated their passports; promises are broken on wages; living conditions are crowded and unsanitary; food is substandard or expensive; and there are 70-hour workweeks in sometimes brutal heat.

"You can have the best standards in the world, but if you have this inherent power imbalance, workers are in a situation where they're at risk of exploitation all the time," said Mustafa Qadri, executive director of Equidem, a labor rights consultancy that recently reported on Expo workers' mistreatment during the pandemic.

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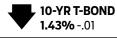
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# Nonresponse to Iran attack increases risk

By Thomas Spoehr The Heritage Foundation

In October, an Iranian militia group calling themselves the "Allies of Syria" launched five suicide drones at the only publicly acknowledged U.S. base in Syria, Al Tanf, home to more than 200 troops. Thanks largely to a timely warning from Israel, there were no casualties.

Noting the attack was "coordinated and deliberate," Central Command spokesman Capt. Bill Urban said the U.S. would respond "at a time and place of our choosing." Over 30 days later, that response has yet to come.

This failure to act signals a lack of U.S. resolve. Worse, it invites further attacks on U.S. forces throughout the region.

A small dusty base at a key road intersection in southeastern Syria, Al Tanf is the center of U.S. efforts to train and support friendly Syrian militias. The drones attacking the base on Oct. 20 reportedly carried a toxic mixture of high explosives, shrapnel and ball bearings. Only two of the drones exploded. The other three were examined and identified as Iranian-made. Iran trumpeted the attack as a "major success" and

suggested more strikes will follow.

Just a few days ago, it was reported the strike was ordered in response to Israeli airstrikes in Syria. Israel routinely strikes Iranian militia forces and facilities near its border with Syria to keep them from gaining a foothold there.

But here's the problem: A U.S. official stated that the Iranians were reportedly reluctant to attack Israel for fear of retaliation. Let that sink in for a moment. The "Allies of Syria" opted not to attack Israel because they knew such a move would result in an immediate reaction. Instead, they struck an American base.

With neighbors like Lebanon and Syria, Israel lives in an admittedly tough neighborhood. To survive, Israel has learned that when you are hit, you hit back immediately, otherwise your adversary will take your lack of response for weakness.

Israel has also learned that it doesn't matter whether your adversary's punch doesn't land. Even if you manage to avoid injury, the fact that your opponent tried to kill you should be treated the same as an attack that succeeds in causing casualties.

Today, there is much talk in Washington about deterrence. Most of those discussions revolve around China and Taiwan. Up for debate are questions such as whether it is better to be explicit in our intent to help defend Taiwan, or whether China could be deterred by tools such as diplomatic levers or economic sanctions (hint: It won't). Often overlooked is the fact that deterrence operates on multiple levels.

There is the long-range, strategic deterrence conducted to persuade another state not to start a war. But there is also day-today deterrence that sends the important message that a country and its armed forces are not to be trifled with.

When you make potential adversaries understand that if they attack an American position or troop, they will regret it, you effectively give deployed troops another layer of armor. The U.S. has done this in the past. Just two days after an Iranian militia group killed two U.S. troops and one British service member in a rocket attack in 2020, the Pentagon responded by killing five militia members and destroying enemy weapons facilities in Iraq. Message sent.

Building day-to-day deterrence is not easy nor for the faint of heart; it takes years of resolute action to build a solid reputa-

That standing can also quickly evaporate. In 2016, when Iran captured and humiliated 10 American sailors in the Persian Gulf and the U.S. humbly pleaded for their release, our reputation

We are now seeing this play out again with the Iranian militia's attack on Al Tanf. Reportedly out of fear of antagonizing Tehran and thereby dousing its hopes to resurrect the Iran nuclear talks, the Biden administration is choosing to ignore a deliberate attack on one of our bases.

Failing to respond to that attack places U.S. forces in the Middle East at increased risk and further weakens a reputation that is already in question after the chaotic withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Former Secretary of Defense James Mattis is remembered for saying he wanted the Marine Corps to exemplify the statement, "no better friend, no worse enemy." That is a worthy goal for the armed forces as a whole. It's past time to send a message that if you attack a U.S. base, you will pay a

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# Europe can teach us about labor force



Paul Krugman

Americans have a hard time learning from foreign experience.

Our size and the role of English as an international language conspire to make us oblivious to alternative ways of living and the possibilities of change.

Our insularity may be especially damaging when it comes to countries with whom we have a lot in common. Western Europe is our technological equal; labor productivity in northern Europe is just a little below productivity here. But Europe's policies and institutions are unlike ours, and we could learn a lot by looking at how those differences have played out.

Unfortunately, any suggestion that Europe does something we might want to emulate tends to be shouted down with cries of "socialism."

Which brings me to an under-discussed aspect of the current economic scene: Europe's comparative success in getting workers idled by the pandemic back into the labor force.

You're probably aware that the United States is experiencing what many call the Great Resignation — a significant fall in the number of people willing to accept jobs, at least at pre-COVID wages. Four million fewer Americans are employed than were on the eve of the pandemic, yet the rate at which workers are quitting their jobs usually a good indicator of labor market tightness - has hit a record, and the scramble of employers to find workers has led to rapid wage increases.

Earlier this year, many Republicans insisted that labor was scarce because generous unemployment benefits were discouraging workers from accepting jobs. However, those enhanced benefits went away with no visible effect on participation in the labor force.

So what is going on?



A sign seeking workers is displayed Monday at a fast-food restaurant in Richardson, Texas, a Dallas suburb. LM OTERO/AP

A comparison with Europe may shed some light on the subject. For the Great Resignation, it turns out, is largely a U.S. phenomenon. European nations have been much more successful at getting people back to work. In France, employment and labor force participation are well above pre-pandemic levels.

What explains this difference? Part of the answer may involve older workers. In the United States, the decline in the labor force has been steep among adults over 55, many of whom haven't come back after pandemic layoffs. This may have been less of a factor in France, where workers tend to retire earlier than their U.S. counterparts. However, older adults in some European nations, like Denmark, are more likely to be employed than their U.S. counterparts; yet Denmark has also avoided a Great Resignation.

Another answer may lie in trans-Atlantic differences in how we approached COVID-19 relief. While the United States made some effort to help businesses stay afloat and retain their labor forces, mainly we helped displaced workers through enhanced unemployment benefits. Europe, on the other hand, mainly relied

on job retention schemes – government aid intended to keep people on employer payrolls even if they weren't working at the moment.

The problems with the U.S. approach are now becoming apparent. As I said, there's no evidence that unemployment insurance has been significantly discouraging work. But where European labor support helped keep workers linked to their old jobs, facilitating a rapid return, U.S. policy allowed many of those links to be severed, making an employment recovery harder.

Finally, let me offer a speculative hypothesis: Perhaps one reason Europeans aren't engaging in an American-style Great Resignation is that they don't hate their jobs quite as much.

Anecdotally, one factor behind Americans' unwillingness to return to their old jobs is that enforced idleness during the pandemic gave many people a chance to reconsider their life choices.

Europe is by no means a worker's paradise. But some jobs that are grueling and poorly paid here are less awful on the other side of the Atlantic. In Denmark, McDonald's pays more than \$20 an hour and offers six weeks of paid vacation each year. That

may be an exceptional case, but the U.S. does stand out among wealthy countries for having a low minimum wage, for offering little vacation time and for failing to offer parental and sick leave. Maybe the poor quality of U.S. jobs is one reason so many workers are reluctant to return.

U.S. elite opinion, especially but not only on the right, has long assumed that making jobs better would backfire, because higher labor costs would reduce employment. But European experience says otherwise. Even before the pandemic, many European countries were doing pretty well at job creation. France has consistently had higher employment rates among prime-age adults than the United States.

And now, in the aftermath of a nightmarish disruption to working life, pro-worker policies also seem to be helping European economies achieve faster employment recovery than we're manag-

Are we sure we have nothing to learn from their experience?

Krugman is a columnist for The New York

# We're living in the age of the creative minority



**David Brooks** 

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once observed that being a minority in 19th-century Europe was like living in someone else's country home. The aristocrat owned the house. Other people got to stay there but as guests. They did not get to set the rules, run the institutions or dominate the culture.

Something similar can be said of America in the 1950s. But over the ensuing decades, the Protestant establishment crumbled and America became more marvelously diverse. If you're reading this, there's a good chance you're a member of a minority group — or several. Maybe you're Black or Jewish or Muslim. Maybe you're gay, trans, Hispanic, Asian American,

socialist, libertarian or Swedenborgian. Even the former country house owners have come to feel like minority members. The formerly mighty mainline Protestant denominations, like the Episcopalians and Methodists, have shrunk and lost influence. Even some of the people who used to regard themselves as part of the majority have come to feel like minorities. White evangelical Protestants are down to about 15% of the country. They vote for people like Donald Trump in part because they feel like strangers in their own land,

oppressed minorities fighting for survival. We live in an age of minorities. People assert their minority identities with justified pride. It might be most accurate to say that America is now a place of jostling minorities. The crucial questions become: How do people think about their minority group identity and how do they regard the relationships between minorities?

Historically, to riff on another Sacks observation, there have been at least four different minority mindsets:

First, assimilation. The assimilationists feel constricted by their minority identity. They want to be seen as individuals, not as a member of some outsider category. They shed the traits that might identify themselves as Jews or Mexicans or what have you.

Second, separatism. The separatists want to preserve the authenticity of their own culture. They send their kids to schools with their own kind, socialize mostly with their own kind. They derive meaning from having a strong cohesive identity and don't want it watered down.

Third, combat. People who take this approach see life as essentially a struggle between oppressor and oppressed groups. Bigotry is so baked in that there's no realistic hope of integration. The battle must be fought against the groups that despise us and whose values are alien to us. In fact, this battle gives life purpose.

Fourth, integration without assimilation. People who take this approach cherish their group for the way it contributes to the national whole. E pluribus unum. Members of this group celebrate pluralistic, hyphenated identities and the fluid

mixing of groups that each contribute to an American identity. Our politics is so nasty now because many people find the third mindset most compelling. Americans are a deeply religious people, especially when they think they are not being religious. And these days what I would call the religion of minoritar-

ianism has seized many hearts. This is the

belief that history is inevitably the heroic

struggle by minorities to free themselves from the yoke of majority domination. It is the belief that sin resides in the social structures imposed by majorities and that virtue and the true consciousness reside with the oppressed groups.

Integration without assimilation is the only way forward. It is, as the prophet Jeremiah suggested, to transmit the richness of your own cultures while seeking the peace and prosperity of the city to which you have been carried.

It is hard. It means socializing with diverse and sometimes antagonistic groups rather than resting in the one that feels most at home. It means recognizing and embracing the fact that, as an American, you contain multiple identities and cultures

But this is the most creative way to live. It's the clashing of different viewpoints, histories and identities within a single people and even within a single human mind. Integration without assimilation is the nuclear reactor of American dyna-

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Federal Consistency Determination for Amendment 23 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

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Sean Harrigan 1372 susan Tucciarone 1596 Diane Joyner 1044 MONTEL GRAY 1197 Deborah Bousquet 1303 Lori Thayer 1106 Porscha Mack 1390 Contents to be sold on the premises of 799

New Haven Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 on Monday, December 6th, 2021 on Storageauctions.com and close out at Purchases to be paid for at the time of purchase, a \$100.00 deposit will be needed on EACH room purchased. U-HAUL reserves the right to bid or purchase any lot or space. Auction service provided by www.storageauc

tions.com Absolutely NO U-Haul Storage customers, or their family or friends on their behalf, whose units are listed in auction, may participate in

any auction proceedings. You MUST contact Marketing Company Storage Manager, Joy Pace, for an appointment to pur-chase any units won in auction. All persons will be turned away without an appointment. Contact Joy Pace with any questions of 12/2, 12/3/2021 7096678

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is seeking assistance with three projects related to economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The projects are: 2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Planning Services; Disaster Recovery Support Services; and Digital Transition Technical Assistance Services. Requests for Proposals, including a preliminary scope of work, consulting firm requirements, and submission instructions may be found on the CRCOG website at http://crcog.org/rfprfq/. Questions should be directed in writing to the CRCOG staff indicated in the RFP Proposals must be received by CRCOG no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Responses received after this date and time will not be considered. considered. 12/2/2021 7090178

#### Notice of Permit Application Town: Hartford, Connecticut

Notice is hereby given that Cedar Hill Cemetery Association, Inc. acting pursuant to authority granted it under Paragraph 38 of Connecticut S.B. No. 1202 for budget session 2021 and signed into law by Governor Lamont on June 23, 2021, (the "applicant") of 453 Fairfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114 has submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection an application under Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-174 for a permit to construct, install, enlarge, or establish an air contaminant source and to operate such air contaminant source regulated under the Federal Clean Air Act. Specifically, the applicant proposes to replace three 35 plus year old existing IE-43 retort units with two Matthews PP-III units. The proposed activity will take place at 453 Fairfield Ave, Hartford, CT 06114. The proposed activity will potentially affect air resources.

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from Mary Anne Hawthorne, Executive Director, Cedar Hill Cemetery, 453 Fairfield Ave., Hartford, Connecticut 06114. Phone: 860-956-3311. The application will be available for inspection at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Engineering & Enforcement Division, 79 Elm Street, 5th floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, 860-424-4152, from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday, Please call in advance to schedule review of the application

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### **Liquor Notices**

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, KIM DEMBROWSKI, 3150 60TH AVE VERO BEACH, FL 32966-6457. Have filed an application placarded 11/25/2021 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT CATERER PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 1000 EVERGREEN WAY SOUTH WINDSOR TO 10074-5571. The business will be owned by HARBOR SOUTH WINDSOR MANAGEMENT LĹC. Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics (not amplified), Disc Jockeys, Karaoke, Live Bands, Plays/Shows, Comedians Objections must be filed by: 01-06-2022.

11/25/2021 KIM DEMBROWSKI 11/25, 12/02/21 7089971

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, MARLON SORIANO, 78 CATHERINE ST HARTFORD, CT 06106-3518. Have filed an application placarded 11./17/2021 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 222 MAIN STREET NEW BRITAIN, CT 06051-2225. The business will be owned by THE INDUSTRIAL BAR & COCKTAILS LLC. Entertainment will consist of: Disc Jockeys, Live Bands Objections must be filed by: 12/29/2021.

11/17/2021 MARLON SORIANO 11/25/2021, 12/2/2021 7093823

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#### **OBITUARIES**

### **Breakfield, Marianne (Mastergeorge)**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Marianne (Mastergeorge) Breakfield of South Carolina on 11-19-21. Marianne was born in Middletown to Ralph and Mary (Mangini) Mastergeorge. She leaves her husband of 51 years William Breakfield, daughters Theresa Owens of Indiana and Melissa Ramsey of South Carolina, two grandchildren Elizabeth and Christopher, sisters Carol (David) Cosham and Linda (Ray) Gionfriddo, several nieces, nephews and cousins along with her Aunt Antoinette Clayton. Memorial donations may be Aunt Antoinette Clayton. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, POB 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692. Memorial cards may be sent to William Breakfield, 4102 Edwards Road, Taylors, SC 75284-0692. There are no services.

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# **Breen, Richard "Rick"**



Richard "Rick" Breen, 80, beloved husband of 53 years to Karen (Clifford) Breen, of Glastonbury, passed away on November 23, 2021. Rick was born on September 19, 1941 to the late James and Katherine (Blazensky) Breen and was a resident lifelong Glastonbury. After graduating

from Glastonbury High School, Rick went on to join the Army and then worked at the Glastonbury Post Office for over 30 years. He loved sports, whether it was playing golf or watching his beloved UConn basketball,

the New York Yankees or the Hartford Whalers. Rick loved traveling with his wife Karen, they especially loved visiting Martha's Vineyard and Ireland Rick was a member of the Irish American Home Society, where he and Karen were named the 2015 Glastonbury Parade Marshals for the Greater Hartford Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He was a devout Catholic, attending Saint Dunstan Church for many years and also spending time as a Eucharistic Minister. He and Karen also enjoyed volunteering and giving prayer services at the Brookdale Buckingham Senior Living facility. Rick always loved hearing and telling a good joke while hanging out with his siblings or friends, especially with a rum and coke in his hands. Rick was a true family man, spending as much time with his family as he could. Besides his wife and children, Rick's true pride were his four grandchildren, whom he adored and cherished.

Rick is survived by his wife Karen, his son Rick and his wife Robin of Glastonbury, his daughter Elizabeth and her husband Michael of Glastonbury. His beloved grandchildren, Joe, Anna, Grace and Patrick. His siblings, Jim, Bob, Tom, Frank, Kate and Michael, his nieces, nephews and extended family and countless friends.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of Mercy (www. sistersofmercy.org). The Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, Glastonbury, has care of the arrangements. For further information, or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com

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#### **OBITUARIES**

### Chard, Beryl M. (Dube)



Beryl Marie Chard, 91, of Burlington left this world on November 29, 2021. Beryl was born on October 6, 1930 to parents Alphonse Dube and Corinne (Legere) Dube. Beryl attended St. school and Bristol Ann's High school graduating with the class of 1948. Shortly thereafter, she married the love of her life and husband of 72

vears Frederick J. Chard, Jr. Aside from being a dedicated Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, Beryl managed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Bristol VNA, St. Gregory's Church Rosary Society, and the Burlington Library Board of Directors for many years. She used her Secretarial and Bookkeeping skills to enhance the family business (F. J. Chard & Son, Inc.) for over 40 years. It was her kind and compassionate interaction with customers, employees and business associates that will be missed most.

We will miss her wit, sense of humor, infectious laugh and unselfish love. Watching the New York Giants and all things UConn Huskies will never be the same. She

all things UConn Huskies will never be the same. She taught us by example about faith in God and putting others' needs ahead of your own. She was a good listener, a comforting soul to many and had a quiet strength that you could always lean on. She definitely knew how to make us laugh and her timing was impeccable. Beryl is predeceased by her son Frederick J. Chard, III, and sisters, Bertha Lester and Arlene Dobbins. Besides her husband, she leaves her daughters Donna Gaski and husband Peter of Burlington, Mary Ellen Paul and husband Ronald of Burlington and her son James Chard and wife Cheryl of Burlington. She will be missed by her seven grandchildren (Jennifer Luoni, Robert Paul, Stephanie Gaski, Adam Gaski, Ashley Dinella, Derek Chard and Frederick J. Chard, IV), six great grandchildren (Sophia Luoni, Samantha Luoni, Carson Gaski, dren (Sophia Luoni, Samantha Luoni, Carson Gaski, Caleb Gaski, Frederick J. Chard, V, Luca Dinella and Luna Gaski Hernandez), nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held on Monday (December 6, 2021) at 10 AM from Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, to St. Gregory the Great Church, 235 Maltby St., Bristol for a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM. Burial will follow in Saint Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. Family and friends are invited to call at Funk Funeral Home on Sunday (December 5, 2021) between 2 and 5 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital (www.stjude.org). To visit Beryl's memorial website please visit www. FunkFuneralHome.com

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### Cipriani, Dean J.



Dean J. Cipriani 1970 - 2021 Longmeadow - Dean J. Cipriani, 51, died peacefully Sunday morning. Dean was born in Hartford the son of the late Enrico "Henr Baldarelli and Frederica Brenda" Cipriani. He was a graduate of Agawam High School and enjoyed living on the banks of the Connecticut

River in Longmeadow. For many years Dean worked for his father in the construcmany years Dean worked for his father in the construction business, bravely defending our roads and highways from winter storms. Dean was an avid outdoorsman, he loved being around the water, boating and riding his motorcycle. He leaves his faithful life partner Kimberly Pioggia; two brothers Mark Cipriani and his wife Nancy and Robert Kerber and his wife Lynn; a loyal coursin Peter Petrone: trusted friend Frank DeGray. cousin Peter Petrone; trusted friend Frank DeGray; nieces and nephews and his devoted furry friends Alley (cat) and Jackson (dog). Visiting hours will be held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home Saturday, December 4th from 4:00 - 7:00pm. For more details and online condolences please visit curranjones.com.

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# Clow, Cheryl Ann (Baedor)

Cheryl Ann (Baedor) Clow, 73, of Newington, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 28, 2021. She was the beloved wife of Patrick M. Clow for 50 years. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Kenneth and Elizabeth (Butler) Baedor, she was raised in Wethersfield and graduated Southern CT State University with her Master's Degree in Special Education. She was employed as a teacher for over 40 years at the Southfield Children's Center alongside her husband whom was the director. Cheryl leaves a legacy through the thousands of children and families she impacted. She enjoyed nature, the outdoors and enjoyed helping her community through charity. Above all, she enjoyed spending time with her chérished grandchildren. Along with her husband, she leaves her two daughters, Jennifer Michno of Wethersfield, and Jessica Clow and her wife Joanne Melendez of Southington, and her two adored grandsons, Jayce and Jordan Melendez. She also leaves her sister Diane Mocarsky and her husband Paul of MA, her brother Mark Baedor and his wife Deana of Berlin, her sister-in-law Linda Baedor of Meriden, close friends Judy and John Igielski of Newington and other extended family members. She was predeceased by her unborn daughter Destiny and her brother Richard Baedor. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington is serving her family. Memorial donations may be made to Save the Children at www. savethechildren.org. To share a memory or condolence, please visit us at www.duksa.net.



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# Lowell, Barbara Ann (Lutz)

Barbara Ann (Lutz) Lowell, 81, of Griswold, passed away on November 28, 2021 at her home surrounded by family. She was the wife of the late Francis Lowell who predeceased her in 2019.

Barbara was born on July 27, 1940 in Torrington, daughter of the late Victor J. and Catherine F. (Gruhuskas) Lutz. Barbara will be remembered for the immaculate upkeep of her home and yard. She also loved gardening and talking with family on the phone whenever given the chance.

She is survived by her children, Christopher P. Lowell and his wife Elizabeth, Daniel F. Lowell and his wife Bridget, and Dawn M. Plourde and her husband John, her six grandchildren, Mark Plourde and his wife Victoria, Timothy Plourde and his wife Shoko, Daniel Victoria, Timothy Plourde and his wife Shoko, Daniel Lowell II, Alexandria Lowell, Meghan Plourde and Ryan Lowell; her great-grandson Rei Plourde; siblings, Victor Lutz and his wife Rebecca, George Lutz and wife Katherine, Margaret Watson, Judy Benedict and her husband Tom, Cathy Torsiello and her husband Mike, and Elaine Harrison and her husband Bruce; her sister-in-law Eleanor Lowell; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Raymond Lutz, and her daughter-in-law April Lowell.

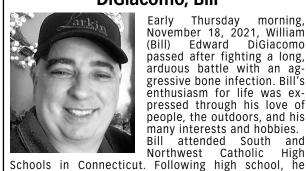
A calling hour will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at Lyons Funeral Home, 467 High St., Thomaston. A service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Burial will follow in Northfield Cemetery.

Burial will follow in Northfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to one of her

favorite charities St Judes or Toys for Tots. Please visit www.lyonsfuneralhome.com to leave notes

of comfort to the family. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

# DiGiacomo, Bill



Early Thursday morning, November 18, 2021, William (Bill) Edward DiGiacomo passed after fighting a long, arduous battle with an aggressive bone infection. Bill's enthusiasm for life was expressed through his love of people, the outdoors, and his many interests and hobbies. Bill attended South and

served in the United States Air Force as a crew chief and aircraft mechanic. Returning to CT after his tour of duty, Bill joined the United States Postal Service where he worked until his retirement. He also opened a tree removal business. Given his intellectual curiosity and mechanical know-how, Bill's accomplishments included invented a cooling device for snowplow engines aptly called, "Coolmaster."
As a life-long learner, he attended racing school in Charlotte, NC, restored and raced his own race car, had

pursued obtaining his pilot's license, and learning to

speak Spanish. His interests as an avid boater, fisherman, hunter, golfer and archer spurred him to move to the White Mountains of New Hampshire upon early retirement. Skiing soon appeared on his bucket list.
He loved his family and friends and truly never met
a stranger. At family reunions, he was affectionately
known as, "Coach." He leaves behind his children,
Shelley (Drew) Smith, CT, Jessica (Josh) Roncaioli of FL, Nick Di Giacomo, CT, ex-wife. Donna. CT, two sisters. Susan Di Giacomo, NC and Elizabeth Di Giacomo, NC four brothers, Martin (Jan) Di Giacomo, NC. Michael Di Giacomo. FL, Stephen Di Giacomo, and James (Alba) Di Giacomo, SC; nieces, Lani (Joshua) Van Drake, NC, Julie Di Giacomo, CT and Rebecca Di Giacomo, CT; two nephews, James Di Giacomo and Steve DiGiacomo,

both in CT. Bill had recommitted his life to the Lord and passed from death to new life into paradise and into the Savior's arms of love - forever free from pain and suffering. Join us in person at South River Baptist Church, 2659 S Chipley Ford Rd., Statesville, NC 28625 or on Susan DiGiacomo's Facebook live for a memorial service in celebration of his life December 4, 2021 at 11:30 am.
Online condolences can be made to the family at www. troutmanfuneralhome.com

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### Frey, Richard James



Richard James Frey 8/12/55 - 11/27/21

From Theresa "My father said to me; take care of your brother. I answered; I am and I will dad. Richard said to me; let me know if I can help you. I answered; be my angel". Richard passed peacefully

after courageously battling scleroderma and cancer, never complaining of pain or limitations. The eldest

son of M. Jean Gonthier and the late James Frey. He is survived by Michael Frey and wife Carrie Stratton of Vero Beach, FL; Jacqueline and Edward Smith of Wethersfield; Matthew Frey and Marianne Schlenker of Wethersfield; John and Natalie Frey of Cromwell; Kathleen Frey of West Hartford; Theresa Frey-Ingraham and Bruce Ingraham of Coventry and numerous nieces and nephews.

Born and raised in Hartford before moving to Wethersfield as a teenager he spent most of his adult life calling West Hartford home. His fondest memories and highest regards are with the "Stillman Gang", fishing excursions, his painting career, and love for cars, cooking, as well as his many birds. He now joins his late beloved wife Sharon. A celebration of life will be held in the future.

Many thanks to the entire outstanding hospice staff for

their compassionate guidance and care. In remembrance of Richard's life the family asks that

any charitable donations be made to the Masonic Care Home Health and Hospice, 45 Clara Drive, Mystic. 06355

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# McFarland, Charles F.

Charles Frederick McFarland, 63, of Libby Montana, passed away suddenly on November 16th, 2021. Born in Hartford, Connecticut, he was the son of the late Charles Anderson and Mary-Ann McFarland (Quinn). After graduating from Wethersfield High School, he took to the road living in several states notably California,

New Hampshire, and Montana where he made his home. He was predeceased by his first wife, Karen-Jo, and grandmother Anna (Nanna) Quinn. He leaves behind his wife Robynn, siblings Holly Dias (Joe), Steven McFarland (Maureen), Mary-Grace McFarland (Rocco), niece Kathleen McFarland, and great-niece Kelly Claire

A Memorial service was held in Libby, Montana. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

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# Murray, Loretta E.Archer



Loretta E. (Archer) Murray, 83, of Bloomfield, beloved wife of the late John B. Murray, Jr.,peacefully passed away Monday, November 8, 2021. A Bloomfield resident for 51 years, Loretta was always active in the community. She was born February 10, 1938 in Beacon, NY, to the late Walter Lee and Rusha Elsie (Holmes) Archer. She was married in her

hometown of Hopewell Junction, NY on October, 7 1961 to John B. Murray, Jr. She is survived by her two sons J Bradley Murray of Estero, FL and Kenneth W. Murray and his wife Debra of Bloomfield; her daughter Suzanne J. Murray of Hartford; her daughter-in-law Susan Murray of Granby; and five grandchildren Libby, Philip, Alex, Makayla, and Cameron Murray. Private Graveside Services for family will be in Old Saint Andrews Cemetery. A Memorial Gathering to celebrate her life will be held Saturday, December 11, 2021, 11 AM at Old Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, 59 Tariffville Road, Bloomfield CT. Close friends and family of Loretta Murray are invited to continue to honor her life and legacy at the home of Kenneth Murray after the memorial service. Memorial donations may be made to Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. For directions or condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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### LaPenna, Thomas M.



Thomas M. LaPenna, 60, of Glastonbury & West Hartford, passed away on Friday, November 26, 2021. Born in Hartford on April 4, 1961, and raised in East Hartford by the late Daniel and Rosemary (Jamelli) LaPenna. Tom worked for Cellu Tissue for 25 years. He enjoyed skiing, playing ice hockey, motorcy-cles, and fishing. Tom is sur-

vived by his wife; Pamela (Tremblay) LaPenna, two sons; Thomas and Michael, two sisters; Lynn and Kathy, mother-in-law; Pat, sisters-in-law's; Cheri, Deb, & Kimberly, and their husbands, several nieces and nephews, and dear friends Lisa and JD. Tom was predeceased

by his Nana, Aunt Mary, and brother Billy.
A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday,
December 4, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Christopher Church, 538 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT. After Mass, a lunch gathering will be held in the Church Hall.

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#### Lockert, Stella



Stella Salenko Lockert, 96 of Tewksbury, MA and formerly of Wolcott passed away on Monday, November 29, 2021 at the Blaire House in Tewksbury, MA. She was the wife of the late William Lockert.

She was born September 24, 1925 in Wolcott where she resided for 92 years and was the daughter of the late Carl

and Mary (Havrylishyn) Salenko. Stella and Bill were very active with NAVA Ski Club, cycling and outdoor activities. She enjoyed gardening, tending to her many plants and flowers, making crafts and hosting family and friends to back yard picnics. She worked for Superior Electric in Bristol as an electrical tester and was a member of the St Pius X Church

In her later years, Stella was blessed by caretakers from "Aging Better at Home" in Wolcott and from Blaire House of Tewksbury in Tewksbury, MA where she re-

Stella and Bill raised three children: Jane Logozzo (David), June Lockert (Amy Pear) and Joyce Lockert (Sharon Lamb); 2 grandchildren: William Logozzo (Paulina) and Susan Sullivan (Brent); 3 Great Grandchildren: Sophie, Claire and Benjamin Logozzo.

She was preceded in death by her husband William in 2017 and 7 siblings.

Calling hours will be Saturday, December 4th from 8:30-9:30 am at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 690 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10 am at St. Pius X Church, 525 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott. Burial will be at Edgewood Cemetery.

In Lieu of Flowers, donation may be made in Stella's memory to: Aging Better at Home LLC, 713 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott, CT 06719, Blaire House of Tewksbury, 10 Erlin Terrace, Tewksbury, MA 01876 or St. Pius X Church. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiawolcott.com

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### Norris, Charles



Charles J. Norris, 71, of Peru Street Plattsburgh and formerly of Constable, NY, passed away on Saturday November 27, 2021, at UVHN: CVPH Medical Center in Plattsburgh. He was born in New Britain, CT on March 6, 1950, the son of Joseph and Estelle (Gianoli) Norris.

Charlie worked a variety of jobs in his youth in Connecticut and New York. In June of 1980, he founded a local shopping paper called the Free Trader with his

wife Jeanne in Constable, New York. They ran the paper until 2003, when they handed it off to their son Joseph. It continues to run to this date.

Charlie enjoyed fishing in his early years, along with travel and time with family and friends. After retirement, he taught himself woodworking, and became quite proficient. He left many legacy pieces that his

Charlie's father Joseph passed in 1982 and his mother Estelle passed in 2005. Charlie's brother Anthony

Charlie is survived by his wife Jeanne Norris; his sister Jo-Ann Norris and brother-in-law Bruce DiCicco; his stepson Craig Norris (wife Kathleen Norris) and grandchildren Erika and Evelyn; his son Joseph Norris (wife Andrea Norris) grandchildren Charles and Emma, and step-grandchild James; and his daughter Elizabeth Norris-Randa (husband Charles Norris-Randa) and grandchildren Miles, Truman, and Estelle.

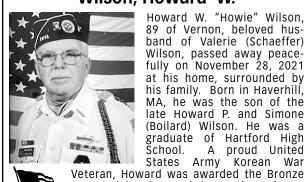
Arrangements entrusted to Brown Funeral Home. Please send donations to Boston Children's Hospital in

Charlie's name. Online condolences may be offered at www.brownfu-

neralhomeinc.com.

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# Wilson, Howard W.



Howard W. "Howie" Wilson, 89 of Vernon, beloved hus-band of Valerie (Schaeffer) Wilson, passed away peace-fully on November 28, 2021 at his home, surrounded by his family. Born in Haverhill, MA, he was the son of the late Howard P. and Simone (Boilard) Wilson. He was a graduate of Hartford High A proud United School. States Army Korean War

Star Medal and earned the Combat Infantry Badge among other medals. He was a member of the American Legion for 53 years. He served American Legion Post 154 as treasurer and, in retirement, served as a member of the military honor guard for veteran's funerals. Prior to his retirement, he was employed for 37 years at Pratt Whitney Aircraft. Howie was a handyman who loved to tinker and could take on any project big or small. As an avid woodworker, he made many pieces of furniture for his family. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather "Pepe" who cherished the time he spent with each and every one of them. Besides his wife, he is survived by his can Howard T. Wilson and his wife. is survived by his son, Howard T. Wilson and his wife Sandra, his daughters Janice Fenlason and her husband Roger, and Susan Surprenant and her husband Stephen, a sister Carol Perodeau and her husband Paul, a sisterin-law Anita Lynch, and grandchildren, Brian Sillaber, Jennifer Sillaber, Emily Surprenant, Rebecca Surprenant, Claudia Surprenant and two great granddaughters Kira and Lilly Colon-Murray and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister Jacqueline Arbercheski and her husband Joseph. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 4th 2021 at 9:00am at the Saint Bridget Church 80 4th, 2021 at 9:00am at the Saint Bridget Church, 80 Main Street, Manchester, followed by a burial with Military Honors at Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, 1

contributions can be made to American Legion Post 154, 43 Pearl Street, Enfield, CT 06082. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

Cottage Grove Road Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers,

### **Gerundo, Sheila (O'Donnell)**

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Sheila (O'Donnell) Gerundo, wife of Louis P. Gerundo, Jr. for 54 years, died November 27 2021. Sheila, the daughter of the late Marguerite and William O'Donnell, was born in Providence, RI on September 8, 1936. She graduated from St. Mary's Academy, Bay View in East Providence, RI, and received a Bachelor and Master's degree from Rhode Island

College. She taught elementary school in East Providence for 10 years until she met and married Lou and moved to Connecticut. After being at home with their three children, she returned to teaching at Corpus Christi School in Wethersfield, where she taught 3rd grade for 20 years.

Sheila is survived by her son, William (Jessica) of Newtown, daughter, Margaret Gerundo-Murkette (James) of West Hartford and son, Thomas (Laurie) of Colchester, her beloved grandchildren, Will and Sophie Murkette and her "bonus" grandchildren, Abby and Collin Kelley and Madeleine O'Neil. She was predecessed by her sister Sharen (O'Dennall) Research deceased by her sister, Sharon (O'Donnell) Bosack and is survived by her brother-in-law, Theodore Bosack, nephews, Sean and Seth Bosack and great-nieces, Lily and Sasha Bosack.

and Sasha Bosack.
Calling hours will be Thursday (December 2) from 4-6 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. All friends and family are kindly asked to wear face coverings. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday (December 3) at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Everyone is asked to please meet directly at church. Burial will follow in Village Cemetery, Wethersfield. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Wethersfield Food Bank, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109 or Connecticut Foodshare, 450 Woodland Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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#### Gillman, Lois Davison

My beloved mother passed away on December 1, 2021, leaving a legacy of love and friendship for all who knew her. Lois was born in Bridgeport, CT. on February 13, 1923, to David and Becky Hoff Davison. Raised in Hartford with her older brother Howard, she graduated Weaver High School class of 1940.

Lois married Richard Gillman in 1951, sharing 68 years together making their homes in Bloomfield, Delray Beach, Florida, and eventually West Hartford. After both Lois and Dick retired from Mt. Sinai Hospital they enjoyed nearly 30 years in Delray playing golf and canasta. Mom's happiest days were there and at Old Colony Beach where countless memories were made. Everyone considered Lois their friend. Her true goodness and kind personality made her someone you wanted in your life. She never forgot a birthday, leaving a phone call or mailing a card. Her lifelong friendships have meant the world to her but none as special as that with Marlene Greene, her dearest friend

for over 60 years. Lois's greatest joy and "accomplishment" was her cherished daughter Gail, whom she shared a connection like no other, unconditional love and friendship. She spent the last year in Avon living with her daughter and son-in-law David telling us she was moving back to

Florida on her own at age 98.

We were all so fortunate – Lois had her sharp mind and strong will well into her 98th year of life fighting until the end. She loved people, talking on the phone, good food, and simply being with her daughter and close friends.

Lois was predeceased by her husband Richard Gillman in 2019 and her brother Howard Davison, plus too many friends whom she dearly missed. She leaves her cherished daughter Gail Gillman Elansky and son-in-law David Elansky of Avon, grandson Matthew Chase ds She will live on in al our hearts forever.

our hearts forever.
We'd like to thank Donna Smith for the care and support she has given all of us the past few months.
Burial will be graveside, Friday, December 3, 2021, 11:00am, at Hartford Mutual Society Memorial Park, Wolcott Road, East Granby, CT. Arrangements are entrusted to Hebrew Funeral Association. Friends are invited to celebrate Lois's long life at the home of her daughter and son-in-law following the service and over the weekend the weekend.

In lieu of flowers, donations if desired would be appreciated to Connecticut Foodshare or Hartford's Camp

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# Johnson, Eleanor P (Prowe)



Eleanor (Prowe) Johnson of Goshen, CT beloved wife of the late William E Johnson passed away peacefully at her home on the morning of November 22, 2021. Born on November 21, 1923 to Edward T. and Mildred (Enko) Prowe, Eleanor was a long time resi.

T. and Mildred (Enko) Prowe, Eleanor was a long time resident of Avon, CT until her move to Goshen, CT at 93 years. She leaves behind whose lives she has touched in a very special way. Eleanor is survived by her sister Mildred Phillips, son Douglas Johnson, daughters Elaine Raymond and Janet Kennedy, son in law William Kennedy, grandson Jarred Raymond granddaughters lordan Johnson, Paige and Raymond, granddaughters Jordan Johnson, Paige and Kennedy and great-grandson Charlie Raymond.

Eleanor was a kindhearted and loving person, extremely confident and compassionate in all of her life's endeavors. Throughout her years she dedicated her time and talents in support of numerous charitable causes including the Veterans Association, the American Red Cross and the Avon Congregational Church where she was an active member of the Senior Choir for many decades. Her love of sports never subsided and she played in golf and bowling leagues into her late 80s. Eleánor adored animals, especially dogs and recently bonded with Maddie and Ryder who would not leave

Although the loss of Eleanor has left us with thoughts of grief and sadness, please know that she would want us all to spend time to grieve, heal over time and carry forward with actions of kindness, respect and strength forever being true to who we are. We love you Mom. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the pet rescue organization, The Little Guild in memory of Ellie.

The Little Guild 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike West Cornwall, CT. 06796 Littleguild.org

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### Galinsky, Jean C. (Cermola)



Jean Catherine (Cermola) Galinsky, age 92, wife of the late Saul Sam Galinsky, passed peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Dec. 1, 2021. Born in St. Francis Hospital on February 5, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Carmine and Letizia (Adamo) Cermola of Hartford, Connecticut.

and Letizia (Adanio) Cerinola of Hartford, Connecticut. One of ten children, Jean grew up in the South End of Hartford, and attended St. Augustine Grammar School and Bulkeley High School. She married Saul in 1955, lovingly and courageously bringing together her Catholic faith with his Jewish heritage.

Jean especially cherished watching her grandchildren grow into fine young men and women and always looked forward to precious family time at the Galinsky cottage at Point O Woods Beach and all the memorable family gatherings during the holidays.

She was a loving mother, and leaves behind her five sons and their spouses and friends, Jim and Anne Galinsky of Madison, Andrew and Cheryl Galinsky of Glastonbury, George and Nicholina Galinsky of Stonington, Robert Galinsky of NYC, Philip Galinsky of NYC, and Allison Phillips of NYC. She leaves behind eight grandchildren and their spouses and friends: Lauren and John Driscoll, Phillip and Catherine Galinsky, Leah and Ryan Hansen, and Alicia Galinsky, Jenna Galinsky, Andrew Galinsky, Trager Galinsky, Gregory Galinsky, and their close friends. She also leaves her sister Ann Schmidt Galinsky, Trager Galinsky, Gregory Galinsky, and their close friends. She also leaves her sister Ann Schmidt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and many very special nieces, nephews, cousins and family friends.

Upon graduating from Bulkeley High School she joined the Travelers Insurance Co., Inc. She later went on to work for Kaiser Permanente for several years where she shone brightly working closely and kindly with the doctors, nurses, patients and staff.

Jean was affiliated with several major charitable events for non-profit organizations, among them the Wethersfield Historical Society, the American Heart Association (AHA), Wethersfield Village Garden Club and Corpus Christi Parish School. She was co-chair of the 12th Annual AHA French Fashion Show held at G. Fox & Co., and of the first ever Corpus Christi Scholarship Ball. She and her late husband Saul were also vital members of Wethersfield's Democratic Party for many years. Jean was always generous with her time volunteering, and was frequently the assistant moderator at the polls.

She had a flair for fashion, art and interior decorating. She will be remembered for her style, beauty and great sense of humor. Jean was very hardworking, but always liked to have fun along the way. She was also kind,

open minded and generous. Jean was pre-deceased by her sisters Mary Smallbeck of Aneta, ND, Rose Lynch of Glastonbury, CT, Terry Blackstone of East Hartford, CT, and brothers Luke Cermola of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Joseph Cermola of Southington, CT, Dominic Cermola of Hartford, CT, and

Ernest Cermola of West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are encouraged to the Town of Wethersfield Police Department, the Town of Wethersfield Mental Health Services Division, or Hartford Healthcare Hospice at Home.

Funeral services will take place at Christ the King Parish (Corpus Christi Church), 601 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield on Saturday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m. Immediate family will gather together for a private burial, to honor Jean's wishes. To sign the online registry book or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.



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# Van Loan, Richard



Richard Van Loan, 87

Long-time Connecticut resident Richard "Dick" R. Van Loan, 87, passed away November 26, 2021, tollow ing a brief illness. Dick was born in Stamford to Floyd and Virginia Van Loan, was raised in Greenwich and spent his final years in Essex, CT. He was the older of two boys, surviving his brother David

Van Loan.

Dick attended Brunswick School Greenwich and went on to graduate from Springfield College. After brief stints in the Army National Guard and as a teacher, Dick spent his entire working career as a stockbroker for Kidder Peabody in New York City. He retired as a vice president and the compliance officer from Kidder, then part of UBS, in 1999, thus ending years of commuting on Metro-North...though he held onto his commuter's tag "Please wake me at Greenwich".

He married his first wife Mary Jane Kirkwood (deceased) and they had 3 children, Richard Van Loan Jr., Lynn Brainerd, and Robert Van Loan. They were married for 17 years and lived in Greenwich. During this time both Dick and Mary joined the Boy Scouts of America and were each den leaders to different troops. He also loved the hapless New York Jets and had season tickets to see them play at Shea stadium. Dick delighted in watching the New York Rangers play ice hockey and was thrilled when they won the Stanley Cup in 1994. Dick and Mary were avid entertainers and hosted countless pool parties and an annual backyard field day and party for all the neighborhood families.

After his divorce from Mary, Dick married Joan-Ellis (Jody) Hill Fontana of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Dick and Jody lived in Greenwich with her three bildren from a provision greening. Higherto (Ocean) children, from a previous marriage, Umberto (Oscar) Fontana Jr., Christine (Tracy) Dineen, and Pamela Fontana Sconzo. Dick and Jody enjoyed many summers on their sailboats Wolverine and The Decent. As members of Indian Harbor Yacht Club they often spent Sunday brunches sharing Dark and Stormies and Blacktops with their fellow sailors. They spent summers sailing and "rafting-up" with friends on The Sound and the Virgin Islands. Prior to Dick's retirement from UBS, Dick and Jody moved to their home in Essex, CT overlooking the Connecticut River. With his move to Essex, Dick added the Hartford Whalers, of which they became season tickets holders, to the list of teams he followed diligently. At their Essex house "Still on the Hill", Dick and Jody hosted their family gatherings and entertained the grandchildren through out the years. They and their many Portuguese Water Dogs and Dick's beloved German Shorthaired Pointers, Slicker and Trig, lived in Essex since 1997.

Dick is survived by his wife Jody of nearly 45 years, 3 children, 3 stepchildren, and 11 grandchildren, all of whom will remember Dick for his easygoing, playful (if slightly mischievous) personality and wonderful sense

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in the memory of Richard R. Van Loan to The Brunswick School in Greenwich, CT, or USA Hockey Foundation.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

### Elblonk, Ruth (Rogers)

Ruth (Rogers) Elblonk, 94, of West Hartford, Connecticut, passed away on November 23, 2021 in West Hartford, Connecticut. She was born to Harry Bertram Rogers and Lillian (Rabinowitz) Rogers on February 15,1927 in Flushing, Queens, New York.
Ruth graduated from the University of Wisconsin and

taught elementary school for many years. She married Samuel Elblonk in 1950. Together they raised 2 children: Joan and Dorothy in Westfield New Jersey. They later moved to Monroe Township, New Jersey, spending winters in Delray Beach, Florida. After Sam died, Ruth sold their homes and moved to The McAuley in West Hartford to be close to her family, which was so important to her. She was a beautiful, intelligent, and independent person.

Ruth is survived by daughters Joan (and husband Gary) Palmer and Dorothy Hoyland, grandchildren Andrea (and husband Mike) Wiggins, Kim (and husband Keith) O'Brien, Melinda (and husband Gregg) Bateman, Samuel Hoyland, and Leah (and husband Jesse) Sklarz, 9 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Samuel Elblonk, parents Harry and Lillian Rogers, sister Deborah Fishman,

brother Arthur Rogers and son-in-law Alan Hoyland. A memorial service will be held at the Weinstein Mortuary 640 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06105 on Sunday December 5 at 11:00 am. Remembrances will continue after the service at the home of her daughter

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### Euliano, Elizabeth "Betty"



Elizabeth "Betty" Euliano, 77 of Vernon died peacefully on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at home surrounded by her family. Betty was born on August 7, 1944, in Brooklyn, NY. She grew up in Brooklyn and attended NY public schools. A resident of Vernon for many years, Betty was an active member of Church of

the Living God. She leaves her children, Kim Skahan and her husband Thomas of South Windsor, Paul Euliano Jr. of Redding, CA, and his wife Heini, and Todd Euliano of Tolland; and 8 grandchildren (Sarah Skahan, Kelly Skahan, Hope Skahan, James Skahan, Nathanael Euliano, Josiah Euliano, Gloria Euliano, and Victoria Euliano). Other notable persons is Michael Ugliarolo of Hartford CT.

Betty lived a full and prosperous life amongst her friends and family. She dedicated her life to raising children (her own, and countless others) as she was a daycare provider for over 30 years. She loved to cook and enjoyed having company at her house. Betty blessed so many lives by just being available for friends and family when they needed someone to lean on. She was straight forward and very independent. If you needed to hear it, she wasn't afraid to tell you. What was most remarkable about her was her compassion. Her heart broke for those who needed it most. She will be missed by all who knew her but leaves this world a better place by how much love she shared.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021, 1pm at Church of the Living God 199 Deming St., Manchester, CT. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. For online condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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### McMahon, Monique Ann (Rospars)



On November 11, 2021 Monique Ann (Rospars) McMahon, 87, passed away peacefully at Middlesex Hospital. Monique was the at Middlesex cherished wife of the late John A. McMahon and a loving mother and grandmother. She was a longtime resident of Rocky Hill, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held

on December 4th at 10am in St. Josephine Bakhita Church, St. James Campus, 767 Elm St. Rocky Hill. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill. Family and Friends are invited to the Giuliano-Sagarino Funeral Home at BROOKLAWN, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill on December 4th from 8:45-9:45a.m. For further details please visit www.brooklawnfuneralhome.com

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# Mead, Charlotte (Sabatini)



Charlotte (Sabatini) Mead, 95, of Wethersfield, wife of the late Harry B. Mead, passed away November 28, 2021, at Hartford Hospital. She was born in New Haven, daughter of the late Joseph and Carolyn (Dykeman) Sabatini. After graduating school, high

(Dykeman) Sabatini. After graduating high school, Charlotte attended the Hartford School of Nursing. Soon after becoming a Registered Nurse, she met her husband, Harry, on a blind date. They married in 1958 and settled in Wethersfield, where they raised their three children. Charlotte was an active member of the First Church of Christ Congregational of Wethersfield for almost 70 years, participating as a Deacon, a member of the Evening Church Women's group, the Clown Ministry, the Church Nursery School, and many other groups. She was also a 50-year member of the Wethersfield-Rocky Hill Graduate Nurses Association and worked in various school libraries in the Wethersfield area. Charlotte babysat many children for over 20 years, who fondly called her "Nanny." She remained close with many of them over the years. Charlotte is predeceased by her husband, Harry Boyce Mead, and by her sons Harold William Mead and Kenneth Dykeman Mead. Charlotte will be fondly remembered by her daughter Carolyn Mead of Wethersfield as well as her daughters-in-law Diane membered by her daughter Carolyn Mead of Wethersfield, as well as her daughters-in-law Diane and Maribeth. Her grandchildren include Jacquelyn Mead and her husband Doug, Kevin Mead, Joshua Mead and his wife Dominique, Jessica Rafala and her husband Sal, and Brittney O'Connor and her husband Kevin. She also has seven great-grandchildren. Friends may call on Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 9:00 to 10:00 am at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Road, Wethersfield. A Memorial Service will follow at 10:00 am in the funeral home. Burial will be in Grove Hill Cemetery, Vernon. To extend condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com.

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### Martin, Rosemary E (Lyons)



Judge Rosemary Ellen Lyons Martin, 97, of Thomaston, died suddenly but peacefully at home on Nov. 27, 2021.

Born May 28, 1924 to William Henry Lyons and Mary Carson Lyons, Rosemary lived all her life in Thomaston. She had four brothers: John, William, Paul and Daniel.

She was predeceased by her husband, Judge Luke Francis Martin, daughter Mary Isabelle, son Patrick Martin, daughters-in-law Dianne Martin and son-inlaw Peter Isabelle. Surviving her are children: Timothy Martin and Paula Brown of Philadelphia, PA, Luke and Linda Martin of Cheshire, Kathleen and Michael Riley of Thomaston, Christopher Martin and Sonya Kobes of Thomaston, Sean and Alison Martin of Weston, Maura Martin of West Hartford, and Erin Martin and Frank Schaefer of New York City; her daughter-in-law, Katherine Field. Rosemary had 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In 1941, Rosemary graduated from Thomaston High School, where she was captain of the basketball team. She graduated from Regis College in Weston, Mass. with a Bachelor's degree in Home Economics in 1945 and married Luke in 1949.

She taught home economics at New Milford High School and Thomaston High School. She left teaching in 1950 to raise her family and returned to work after her husband died in 1980. She was elected Thomaston Judge of Probate in 1983 and served until the mandatory retirement age of 70. She continued serving as Assistant Town Clerk until 2017, retiring at age 93.

Deeply faithful, Rosemary was a member of St. Thomas Church who attended mass daily once her children were grown. She was a gracious and understated woman who saw value in all human beings. A child of the Great Depression, Rosemary embraced "reuse and recycle" decades before it became a standard household practice. She encouraged her children to explore the world and visited them across the U.S. and in Asia, Africa and Europe. She was also a homebody who loved her yard and the birds and other wildlife it attracted. She read avidly, made legendary pies, did the crossword puzzles daily, and tried to catch every UConn basketball game, both the women and the men.

Her friends and family will greatly miss her sharp Irish wit, resilient spirit, and unwavering love and support.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday, December 1, at St. Thomas Church in Thomaston. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery. To send notes of sympathy and comfort to Rosemary's family please visit her tribute page at www.lyonsfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Friends of the Thomaston Public Library, 248 Main Street or St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 19 Electric Avenue, Thomaston, 06787.

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### Sobota, Emery J.



Emery J. Sobota, 94, of East Granby, beloved husband for 43 years of the late Mary (Walsh) Sobota, passed away after a brief illness on Friday, November 26, 2021, at St Francis Hospital. Born in Born in Snydertown, PA on October 12, 1927, son of the late Stephen and Elizabeth Sobota, (Meluch) raised in Snydertown, PA and was a graduate of Greater Latrobe High School. After high school, Emery enlisted in the US Army and served

of Emery's brothers were serving overseas, he was kept state-side and served at the Old Farms Convalescent Hospital in Avon, CT at what is now Avon Old Farms School. After completing his service, Emery reenlisted and served another 18 months until he was honorably discharged as a Private First Class in 1947. He settled in Bloomfield and worked in construction before taking a job at Royal Typewriter in Windsor. He later took a position at Chandler Evans in West Hartford where he worked for over 40 years until his retirement in the late 1990's. Never one to sit still, Emery immediately started to help his son in his landscaping business and worked up until the week before his passing. Emery spent many years in Bloomfield and was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in the center of town for over 60 years. After his wife passed in 2001, he moved to East Granby to be closer to his son and grandchildren. Most of all, Emery will be remembered as a family man and great provider for his wife, son, and grandchildren. He cared for his wife for many years as she battled Alzheimer's Disease and he spent the last two decades working daily with his son. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sporting events and activities as they were growing up in East Granby. He leaves a son, John E. Sobota and his wife Elizabeth of East Granby; three grandchildren, Melanie Sobota of West Hartford, and Stephen Sobota and Jack Sobota both of East Granby. Stephen Sobota and Jack Sobota both of East Granby. Besides his wife, he was predeceased by four brothers, Frank, Andrew, Stephen, and John Sobota; and three sisters, Irene Moran, Martha Johnson, and Ethel Matrunic. His family will receive friends on Saturday, December 4, 9-10 a.m., in the chapel at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, 10 a.m., at Sacred Heart Church. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Carmon Windson Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. Memorial Funeral Home has care of the arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite #4b, Southington, CT 06489. For online condolences please visit, www. carmonfuneralhome.com.



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### Fedor, Katherine A. (Willey)



Katherine A. (Willey) Fedor, 63, of Colchester, CT, peacefully passed away November 24, 2021, at Smilow Cancer Hospital surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife of Jonathan Fedor of Colchester, CT.

Kathy was born July 5, 1958, in Denver, CO, the first of six children to parents Roland

Willey of Bristol, CT, and of the late Carolyn (Roberto) Willey.

In addition to her husband and her father, she is survived by siblings Gail Richey and husband Donald of Cromwell, CT; Linda Willey of Bristol, CT; Michael Willey and wife Nancy of Suffield, CT and Timothy Willey and wife Michelle of Burlington, CT; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her sister, Sharon Boutot. Kathy graduated from Purdue University with a MS in

Chemistry and went to work at Eli Lilly in Indiana work-

ing on insulin research. When Kathy returned to CT, she began work as an Engineer at Hamilton Standard, where she met Jon. Kathy eventually went on to work at Kaman Aerospace where she was a Manager in Software Development. Kathy held a part time waitressing job at Ruby Tuesday in Cromwell for many years. Kathy and her husband Jon enjoyed vacationing in St Maarten, attending UConn basketball games and working in their garden. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 3

2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home 82 Litchfield St., Torrington, CT. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call on Friday morning from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Cook Funeral Home. All attending calling hours and the funeral service are strongly encouraged to wear a protective facemask while inside the funeral home for COVID prevention.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Yale New Haven Hospital, Office of Development, P. O. Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508.

Condolences may be sent to the Fedor family by visiting www.cookfuneralhomect.com

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### Walsh, Bredda (Marchesseault)



Bredda M. Walsh age 83, of Vernon, beloved wife of the late Richard F. Walsh passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at home surrounded by her family. She was born in Dayville, on December 30, 1937; a daughter of the late Arsene "Sam" and Theresa (Billings) Marchesseault. Bredda worked as a Business Analyst for Connecticut

Mutual Life Insurance Company retiring after over 25 years. She was a member of the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed bingo, cribbage, and shuffleboard.

Bredda is survived by her five children, Susan Harris and her husband Michael of Arlington, TN, Linda Pease and her partner Sandra of Vernon, Lori Jones and her husband Jason of Manchester, Rev. Thomas Walsh and his wife Lisa of Kings Park, NY, and Michael Walsh and his wife Dorothy of Fremont, MI. She also leaves her 21 cherished grandchildren, Jeffrey, Gregory, David, Lauren, Grace, Jon-Paul, Jeffrey, Rachael, Mindy, Jennifer, Annmarie, Brian, Megan, Christen, JD, Holly, Joshua, Emma, Michael, Jr., Zachary, and Kyle; 22 adored great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, three sisters-in-law, Kathy Walsh, Jeanne Trotta, and Carol Walsh, and her and her late husband's friend, Cliff Daley. She was predeceased by her five siblings, Louis, Theodore, Jack, Bernice, and Jeannette and her best-friend, Thelma Daley.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Ladd & Carmon Funeral Home 19 Ellington Ave., Rockville, CT. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at 10:00 am at the funeral home celebrated by her son Rev. Thomas Walsh. Burial will follow in Valley Falls Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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**CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT** 

# Hospitalizations increasing

Positivity hits highest point since late January

By Eliza Fawcett Hartford Courant

Connecticut's weekly COVID-19 positivity rate reached its highest point since late January on Wednesday, as hospitalizations jumped up as well.

In recent days, Connecticut has recorded significant spikes in its COVID-19 metrics, including a daily test positivity that on Tuesday reached 6%, for the first time in nearly a year.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the

newly identified COVID-19 variant omicron had yet to be reported in the state.

#### Positivity rate

Connecticut reported 1,093 COVID-19 cases out of 20,343 tests administered on Wednesday, for a daily test positivity rate of 5.37%. The state's sevenday positivity rate now stands at 4.7%, its highest point since Jan.

All eight Connecticut counties

— as well as the vast majority of those in the Northeast region — are currently recording "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

### Hospitalizations

Connecticut has 385 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, an increase of 20 people since Tuesday and the highest hospitalizations have been since Aug. 24.

Hospital officials say the vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated.

#### **Deaths**

Connecticut reports COVID-19 deaths once a week, on Thursdays. Last week, the state reported 31 additional deaths, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8 865

The United States has recorded 780,443 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

### **Vaccinations**

As of Wednesday, 84.1% of all Connecticut residents and 94.4% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 72% of all residents and 82.5% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, 25.7% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

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Josh Geballe, chief operating officer for Gov. Ned Lamont, speaks at a New Haven press conference announcing the start of the state's new paid family and medical leave program. The program began accepting applications on Wednesday. **COURANT PHOTO** 

# 'Peace of mind'

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Applications for Connecticut's new paid family and medical leave program opened on Wednesday, a month before employees across the state will begin having access to one of the country's most

comprehensive paid leave policies. "I want to be the most family-friendly state in the country. I want people to know that one more reason you want to come to Connecticut is because we treat workers with respect, we put a big emphasis upon kids and make it

easier for you to keep working'" Gov. Ned Lamont said Wednesday afternoon during a press conference held outside Claire's Corner Copia, a vegetarian restaurant in New Haven.

Connecticut is one of only a handful of states to enact paid family and medical leave. Under the program, workers in the state are entitled to up to 12 weeks of paid leave for qualifying absences, with the option of two additional weeks of paid time off for employees who experience a serious pregnancy-related health complication. Lamont signed the program into law in 2019.

"Starting today, workers can finally begin to have peace of mind in knowing that when they need time away from work, paid family and medical leave will be there for them," said Janée Woods Weber, executive director of the Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund, which advocated for the

creation of program.

By midday, more than 500 people had already applied to the program, which Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz said was an indication of "the need that is out there."

State leaders heralded the program as a vital safety net for

Applications now open for new paid family and medical leave program

workers and families which will help prevent Connecticut employees from having to choose between continuing to work and caring for a sick relative or welcoming a new child, among other circumstances.

"Paid family and medical leave can be transformative in the lives of families who are operating on a very narrow margin, and in some cases, solidly middle class families as well, who are facing deprivation and a terrible choice between taking care of a newborn child or a sick relative and the risk of losing a job," said

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# Expanded gambling raised \$1.7M in revenue since start

**By Stephen Singer** Hartford Courant

Expanded gambling in Connecticut that began in mid-October with sports betting and online casino games has generated \$1.7 million in state revenue, Gov. Ned Lamont said Wednesday.

Online casino gambling brought in \$1.2 million and sports betting raised about \$513,000. The money will be deposited into the state's general fund.

"This first revenue collection for our state reinforces the process and approach by my administration when it came to ensuring our sports betting and iCasino platforms worked seamlessly for consumers," Lamont said. "We're off to a great start with this new gaming marketplace and we're looking forward to years of success."

The payment due the state is 13.75% of gross gaming revenue for sports wagering and 18% for online casino gaming until 2026 when it will increase to 20%. The share of revenue was negotiated by the Lamont administration and the Mashantucket Pequots who own and operate Foxwoods Resort Casino and the Mohegans who run the Mohegan Sun.

Retail sports wagering through the Connecticut Lottery began on Oct. 25, though a so-called soft launch with limited online gambling and sports betting began earlier that month.

The two casinos operate sports betting parlors and the Connecticut Lottery Corp. operates gambling retail sites that will eventually grow in number.

Lamont has said the state expects gambling revenue to generate \$100 million a year for the state over the next four or five years. At least at the start, revenue from expanded gambling will be a small share of the two-year, \$46 billion budget enacted in June by

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# UConn grad student/researcher dies after being hit by car near campus

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A UConn researcher and graduate student is dead after he was struck by a car — driven by a university employee — while crossing a street near campus at dusk Tuesday.

Nhuong Nguyen, 28, who lived in a nearby apartment, was taken after the collision to Windham Hospital, where he died, state police said.

The car that struck him was driven by Emily Wicks, 33, of Colchester, they said. Wicks is a program assistant at the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry, which is part of UConn's School of Fine Arts.

According to police, Wick's westbound 2008 Hyundai Elantra struck Nguyen as he was walking in the crosswalk on South Eagleville Road, 1/10th of a mile west of Eastwood Road, police said



UConn researcher and graduate student Nhuong Nguyen, 28, died after he was in the crosswalk on South Eagleville Road and was struck by a car near campus at dusk Tuesday. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

The collision happened shortly before 5:10 p.m. Sunset on Tuesday was at 4:21 p.m.

Like Nguyen, Wicks was taken to Windham Hospital; troopers said her injuries seemed minor. No charges have been filed as state police continue to investigate.

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# Connecticut, other states say Sackler family members are abusing bankruptcy process

By Geoff Mulvihill

A federal judge should reject a sweeping settlement to thousands of lawsuits against OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma, a group of states say, arguing that the protections it extends to members of the Sackler family who own the firm are improper.

States have credible claims that family members took more than \$10 billion from the company, steered it toward bankruptcy, and then used a settlement crafted in bankruptcy court to gain legal protections for themselves, Washington state Solicitor General Noah Purcell told U.S. District Judge Colleen McMahon on Tuesday.

"If that is not an abuse of the bankruptcy process," Purcell said, "it's unclear what would be."

The plan, crafted largely by those with claims against Purdue and approved in September by a

federal bankruptcy judge, calls for members of the Sackler family to contribute more than \$4 billion in cash, plus the company itself, to fight the opioid epidemic, which has been linked to more than 500,000 U.S. deaths in the past two decades, including deaths linked both to prescription and illicit drugs.

In exchange, members of the family are to be protected from lawsuits accusing them of spurring the crisis. The suits accuse the company and family members of helping to spark the overdose crisis by aggressively marketing OxyContin, a powerful opioid painkiller.

They would not be protected from criminal charges. They're not facing any now, though a group of activists has been pushing federal authorities to bring charges against some members of

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### **Program**

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Senate President Pro Tem Martin M. Looney, a New Haven Demo-

Qualifying reasons for paid leave include the birth of a child or placement of a child for adoption or foster care; caring for a serious health condition or that of a family member; serving as an organ or bone marrow donor; caring for a family member in the military injured on active duty or being called to overseas active duty; and being impacted by family violence.

Lamont's chief operating officer Josh Geballe, who also chairs the board of directors of the Connecticut Paid Leave Authority, touted the program as launching "on time, under budget" and with the full range of benefits stipulated by the state legislature.

The program currently includes more than 123,000 businesses across the state and has amassed more than \$300 million, raised through employee paycheck deductions that began this past January. The deductions are capped at 0.5% of an employee's wages, up to the Social Security contribution base.

Andrea Barton Reeves, CEO of the Connecticut Paid Leave Authority, said that the program expects to have about \$410 million in funding by January. She noted that a recent actuarial analysis found that even with high usage, the fund would still be solvent in five years, adding, "We're not concerned about running out of money."

Under the paid leave policy, an employer can compel an employee to use accrued time off, but must allow an employee to keep up to two weeks of accrued leave.

Applications to the program for qualifying absences that occur on or after Jan. 1, 2022 may be submitted at ctpaidleave.org or via email, fax, phone, or mail. The toll-free application hotline is 877-499-8606.

Once all documentation is submitted, the agency will grant decisions on applications within five days, according to Barton Reeves.

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# SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The Crumbl cookies store in Manchester will open on Dec. 17. The opening date was misstated in a story on Page 3 of the Connecticut section of Tuesday's Courant.

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the governor and General Assembly. Casino executives are optimistic that revenue will rise.

Rodney Butler, Mashantucket Pequot tribal chairman, said he's encouraged by the early results "showing a clear enthusiasm and interest in online sports betting and gaming in Connecticut."

"The engagement sets a promising benchmark and we expect the momentum to only build as more consumers get in on the action and the NFL season peaks over the coming months," he said.

In contrast, slot machine revenue at the two casinos, which have operated in Connecticut since the 1990s, dwarfed what sports gambling and expanded online games raised. Foxwoods

posted \$31.7 million in slot revenue in October and Mohegan Sun reported \$44.3 million for the month.

Slot revenue at the casinos rebounded more than 20% from October 2020 when the casinos operated at a reduced capacity due to COVID-19.

Lamont began negotiations with the two tribes shortly after he took office in January 2019. A major sticking point was the future of the compacts that gave exclusive gambling rights to the Mohegans and Mashantucket Pequots in return for 25% of slot machine revenue.

The governor insisted on a broad revision of gambling legislation in Connecticut to capture sports betting revenue that other states were generating.

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Sports betting on opening day at Foxwoods Resort Casino in September.

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### Student

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UConn spokeswoman Stephanie Reitz said the university community is deeply saddened by Nguyen's death.

"Nhuong was a talented researcher who was pursuing his Ph.D. in computer science and engineering in the UConn School of Engineering," she said. "The University has been in contact with his family in Vietnam and will reach out to his friends, classmates, and faculty colleagues to offer support."

"We send our sincere condolences to all who have been affected by this tragic incident and join Nhuong's family and friends in grieving his passing," Reitz said.

Nguyen is the second UConn student to die after being hit by a car in the last six weeks.

An undergraduate student died Oct. 23 when she was struck by a hit-and-run driver in Suffield. Meghan Voisine, 20, a junior, was struck at Thrall Avenue and Route 159 about 10:30 p.m. when she, too, was crossing the road. She had stopped to pick up her dropped phone and ID in the street, police

said.

A few weeks later, police arrested Frederick Seymour, 58, who they said admitted he had smoked crack cocaine before the deadly hit-and-run.

In 2020, 63 pedestrians died in crashes in Connecticut, up from 54 the year before, according to the state Department of Transportation. This year, 35 pedestrians were killed through August, with more deaths happening once it started to get dark earlier.

Nationwide, pedestrian deaths increased by 55% between 2009 and 2018, DOT Commissioner Joseph Giulietti said in September, when he announced new rules to protect pedestrians and bicyclists. One of the new laws has been in effect since Oct. 1. Under the rule, drivers must stop and yield to a pedestrian if the person raises his or her hand before crossing the road.

Ing the road.

State police ask that anyone who saw Tuesday's collision or has information about it to call Trooper Mark Aldasch at the Troop C barracks in Tolland at 860-896-3200, ext. 8029.

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# Sackler

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the family, which includes some people who were executives and board members at the company and others with no involvement other than receiving money from it. Much of their fortunes are held in offshore trusts that could be head to access in HS lawswitz.

hard to access in U.S. lawsuits.

Most state and local governments and thousands of individual victims of the epidemic agreed to the deal, though many did so grudgingly. Those groups are now joining with Purdue and Sackler family members to defend the plan from appeals from an office of U.S. Department of Justice, eight states, the District of Columbia, some Canadian local governments and Native American tribal groups, plus some individual victims.

In the hearing Tuesday in a New York City courtroom, McMahon

focused on the \$10.4 billion in transfers from Purdue coffers to family trusts from 2008 to 2018. Nearly half of that was used to pay taxes on the earnings.

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Lawyers for the family said that distributions were bigger because the company was making more money and that there's no evidence any of them were trying to manipulate the bankruptcy system.

Those appealing the plan contended that the protections the Sacklers got are more generous than what they could have received had they filed for bankruptcy themselves. Bankruptcy would also protect the company from lawsuits.

They also said that allowing the deal would usurp states' ability to sue Sackler family members to hold them accountable.

"What confirmation of this plan does in this case is strip the states of police powers," Maryland Assistant Attorney General Brian Edmunds said, "to protect the public from harm."

Marshall Huebner, a lawyer for Stamford, Connecticut-based Purdue, said the states were misstating some details of the settlement plans, including how U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain insisted that Sackler family members would receive protections from lawsuits involving only opioids made by Purdue.

He also noted that the overwhelming majority of governments agreed to the plan, which would funnel money to individual victims of the opioid crisis and to efforts to fight the crisis.

McMahon cut him off. "My questions focus on aspects of legality of the releases," she said. "I don't want to hear about the wonderful things it's going to do. I know it was approved by a supermajority."

Still, Huebner noted, there would be far less money to work on the crisis without money from Sackler family members. He said that if they could be sued and prevailed, they might not pay the settlement. And if they lost other lawsuits—they now face about 860 of them—they might not be able to afford to.

Maria Ecke, who lost her son Jonathan in 2015 to an addiction that began 17 years earlier when he was prescribed opioids after being injured in a car crash, said the settlement hurts.

The Connecticut resident on Tuesday showed McMahon a poster of photos of her son and pleaded that the settlement not be allowed.

"The plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer physical and mental injuries," she said.

McMahon has said she hopes to rule by next week, though a decision could take longer. Hers almost certainly won't be the last word; whatever decision she reaches is likely to be appealed to a higher court.



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# Municipal leaders urged to face racial, other divisions

**By Susan Haigh** Associated Press

In addition to preparing for snowstorms or the new school year, Connecticut municipal leaders were urged Tuesday to ready their communities for a different type of challenge: how to manage conflicts over race, gender identity, religion and national origin.

The lesson comes at a time when there's been an increase in hate crime incidents across the country and in Connecticut, strife over mask-wearing and vaccine mandates, and a push for greater racial equity in the wake of George Floyd's murder.

"Sometimes people don't realize it, but a lot of the issues related to equity, on the ground level, are also related to the way municipal government functions and the

way local schools function," said Richard Porth, special projects coordinator for the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. "So there is a role in all of this. And I think it's a meaningful role."

CCM, which opened the first day of its two-day convention and expo on Tuesday, launched a series of public regional discussions last year on the long-simmering issue of racial equity following the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis. That has led to the development of a "tool kit" for cities and towns to help them promote racial equity in their communities and other initiatives.

CCM, a private entity that represents the interests of municipalities, is holding monthly training sessions, periodic roundtable discussions and monthly action items for municipalities to meet. On Tuesday, CCM invited representatives from the federal Community Relations Service, a division of the U.S. Justice Department that was formed in 1964 and dubbed "America's Peacemaker," to speak about their work. As impartial mediators, they work with community groups and help resolve conflicts and respond to alleged hate crimes.

"There's no panacea that we can tell a community, 'If you do this, you're going to resolve conflict and eliminate hate.' That does not exist. I wish it does, but we can help you face it," said Michael David, a conciliation specialist with the Community Relations Service. The organization offers a variety of programs, from helping to bring communities together after a deadly police shooting to assisting citizens in identifying issues

within their city, town, or school and coming up with solutions.

Some Connecticut communities are already doing some of this work on their own.

In Coventry, a predominantly-white town of approximately 12,500 residents in eastern Connecticut, the town council recently adopted a resolution that denounced racism and recognized past and present racial injustices. The community is also planning "community conversations" on race next year and to educate local residents on issues such as implicit and explicit bias.

"We need to just talk and feel comfortable to talk with our neighbors," said Annemarie Sundgren, the towns' human services administrator who is helping to head up the initiative. She said the effort began after no students of color

from nearby Hartford participated in the town's school choice program this year. She said Coventry is considering surveying both local residents as well as Hartford residents to learn more about their perceptions of the community.

Canton First Selectman Robert Bessel, who attended Tuesday's presentation, said there haven't been any high-profile incidents of racial and ethic bias in his town but he senses "there's work to be done" in the community of roughly 10,200 in Hartford County.

"There are some things that we just need to talk about, work on. How can we have more equity? How can we include more (people)?" said Bessel. He said greater trust needs to be fostered in the town, as well as a "cultural shift" where people "stand up and say, "this does not happen here."



U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm will visit Connecticut on Thursday to visit a pair of local clean energy technology companies and highlight investments in energy under the Biden Administration's infrastructure law and pending social and climate spending bill. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

# Granholm to visit Connecticut to pitch infrastructure, Build Back Better

By Seamus McAvoy Hartford Courant

U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm will visit Connecticut on Thursday to visit a pair of local clean energy technology companies and highlight investments in energy under the Biden Administration's infrastructure law and pending social and climate spending bill.

Granholm will be joined by Katie Dykes, commissioner of the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, to tour EVSE, a subsidiary of Control Module Inc. EVSE designs and manufactures electric vehicle charging stations.

Granholm will later tour the Precision Combustion Inc. manufacturing facility in North Haven with Gov. Ned Lamont, followed by a press conference. Precision Combustion makes components and technologies which reduce emissions in coal, oil and gas indus-

The recently passed \$1 trillion infrastructure law includes \$7.5 billion to support the construction of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the country, which experts view as a crucial investment in electric infrastructure as sales of EVs continue to rise. Anxiety over a week charging infrastructure has historically been one of the main reasons consumers give for choosing against an electric vehicle.

Connecticut currently has about 480 EV charging stations, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Many of those are the slower charging stations, called Level 2, which provide between approximately 10 and 20 miles of battery charge per hour.

Those numbers are dwarfed by Tesla's Supercharge stations, which the company says provides up to 200 miles of charge every 15 minutes, but there are only about 20 of those stations in Connecticut.

Some of the law's spending supports initiatives laid out in President Joe Biden's plan to reduce methane emissions, announced in early November at the United Nations summit in Glasgow. There, leaders agreed to reduce methane emissions globally by 30% by the end of decade.

Precision Combustion, in North Haven, is an energy innovation company that already manufacturers emission-reducing technologies. The company is developing what it describes as "ultracompact, high efficiency" catalytic reactors for power generation and fuel processing, among other uses.

Granholm will visit Providence later on Thursday and spend Friday in Boston as part of the two-day tour of the Northeast.

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# Hartford Mayor Bronin to undergo abdominal surgeries

By Rebecca Lurye Hartford Courant

HARTFORD—Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin will undergo surgery Saturday to treat his ulcerative colitis and spend several weeks recovering, during which time the city will be overseen by chief operating officer Thea Montanez.

Bronin said Wednesday that he will have laparoscopic abdominal surgery to remove his colon to address the chronic inflammatory disease, which landed him in the hospital for several days last September.

Bronin has had colitis for more than a decade, he said last year, and has typically managed the condition with medication and by avoiding certain foods. However, he said Wednesday the flareups have recently become more severe, prompting the upcoming surgery and plans for a second procedure that will take place in about two months.

"Thankfully, these procedures should resolve those issues," Bronin said.

Bronin expects to spend five to seven days in the hospital and then continue to recover at home for about two more weeks. His second surgery will be followed by a shorter recovery.

Montanez will be responsible for oversight and management of daily operations for the city.

"While I won't be in the office for a few weeks, I'll be in regular communication," Bronin said. "I have tremendous confidence in our leadership team."

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# Man critically injured in shooting outside downtown Hartford bar

**By Christine Dempsey** Hartford Courant

A man is in critical condition after he was shot during a barfight in downtown Hartford on Tuesday night, police said.

The shooting happened outside The Russell, 187 Allyn St., about 10:30 p.m., they said. Officers rushed to the restaurant after getting a report of a fight and shots fired.

When police arrived, there was no victim but officers found evidence of a shooting. Moments later, a man in his 30s showed up at the hospital with a gunshot

wound, Lt. Aaron Boisvert said.
"The investigation revealed that the shooting was a result of a fight that occurred inside the establishment that continued outside into the street," he said.

Police are investigating. Anyone with information is asked to call the police tip line at 860-722-8477 (TIPS).

The Russell is a downtown restaurant offering Jamaican and Caribbean fare. Before the coronavirus pandemic, it was located on Pratt Street.

The Black Bear Saloon used to occupy the space.

The shooting was the second in Hartford in about five hours on Tuesday. Shortly after 5:30 p.m., a man in his 30s was shot in the area of the Melo Mini Market, 517 Albany Ave., at the intersection with Garden Street. He, too, is listed in critical condition, police said.

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# Hartford library branches to extend hours starting Jan. 2

**By Susan Dunne** Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — All branches of Hartford Public Library will expand their hours of operation starting Jan. 2, the library announced on Tuesday.

"We know our customers like the convenience of their neighborhood branches and we hope the extra hours make it easier for them to find time to visit," said Hartford Public Library President and CEO Bridget E. Quinn.

Branches that had been open two days a week will expand to three days. The Downtown branch will now be open Sunday afternoons, to coincide with the return of the Baby Grand Jazz concert series, which will be presented both virtually and in-person.

The Ropkins branch and Boundless Library @ Rawson will remain closed.

Here is the new schedule for each branch:

**Albany** branch, 1250 Albany Ave.: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barbour branch, 261 Barbour St.: Monday to Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Connecticut Foodshare distributions are the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Camp Field branch, 30 Campfield Ave.: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Downtown**, 500 Main St.:

Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

**Dwight** branch, 7 New Park Ave.: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Park Street branch, 603 Park St.: Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Masks are required in all library

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Hartford Public Library will expand hours of operation at all of its branches in January. MICHAEL MCANDREWS/HARTFORD COURANT





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# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Dorothy H. Williams (21-0705)

The Hon, Jeannine Lewis, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated November 29, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim

Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Stuart H. Williams, c/o Lawrence Sperry Mannix, Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan LLC, 500 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich CT 06830

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ESSEX PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

12/02/21 7096349

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Essex Planning and Zoning Commission will hold the following public hearing on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at Essex Town Hall 29 West Avenue Essex, CT (see agenda on Town's website www. essext.gov for further details), at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following application:

PZC Application 21-11 Special Exception for 7 Main Street for the conversion of the existing building to retail and proposed interior second floor addition for warehouse, storage, breakroom, offices and mechanicals. Applicant: Essex Village Enterprises, LLC Owner Liberty Bank

Copies of the application are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and Land Use Department at Essex Town Hall and can be viewed on the Town's webpage.

Essex Planning and Zoning Commission Carey Duques, AICP, CZEO 11/25/2021 7089517

# LEGAL NOTICE OLD SAYBROOK ZONING BOARD OF

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. First Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via

Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/96174417686?pwd=Zk1kWmV2VII3VVV1 TUNtNEZRSEs00T09

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peal of the Zoning Enforcement Officer's Cease & Desist Order dated August 18, 2021 for property located at 6 Center Road West, Map 26/Lot 6-9, Gateway Business B-4 District

21/22-10 Alfredo & Sandra Botet seek a variance of Par 10.7.1 & 10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 24.5.1 as amended by Par 68.1.2 (narrow street setback/ required 30' to Beechwood/6'5" to steps and 10'1" to building proposed); Par 24.5.1/street line setback/required 25' to Neptune/19'2" proposed; Par 24.5.3 (other line setback/15' required/8'8" proposed); and Par 24.6.2 (structure coverage/20% allowed/26.9% proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 676.4 s.f. second story addition and a 676.4 s.f. second story addition and conversion of a 288 s.f. carport to an attached garage at 24 Beachwood Road, Map 4/Lot 207, Residence A District, Coastal Area Management Zone.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear or submit written communication

Plans are available for review in the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street and at

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ESTATE OF Anna Shubik Sweeney, Late of Chester (21-0714)

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Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Paul Dearing Sweeney, 20 Maple St. Chester, CT 06412 12/02/21 7096350

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. POTTS, JR., late of East Haddam, AKA William H. Potts (21-00333)

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Monika L. Graham, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is: Heather Potts and Russell J. Potts c/o MARK R CONNELL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 420 EAST MAIN STREET, BUILDING 3, SUITE 12, BRANFORD, CT 06405 12/02/21 7096351

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Virginia F. Foldan, AKA Virginia Foldan (21-00903)

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Susan I. Meagher, Chief Clerk

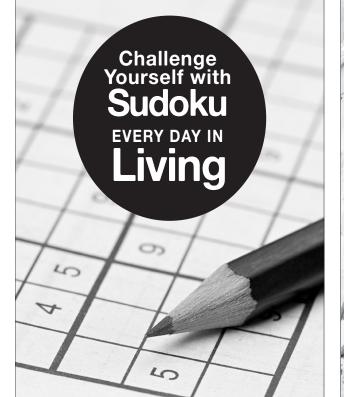
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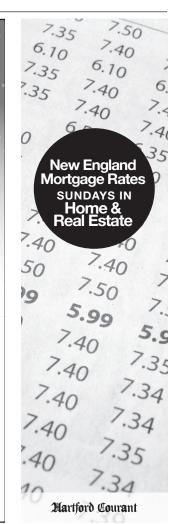
by the Purchasing Department until the date and time noted above; submissions received after this date and time will not be considered. Interested firms are required to submit one original copy via digital media of the proposal to Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent, no later than the date and time noted above. Submissions may be made via email, shared file service, or USB drive delivered to the address noted below; the City does not assume responsibility for failure of submissions to be received by the City by the date and time noted

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# Expectant dad embraces his disability while trying to prepare, but delivery emergency provides a crash course

By Christopher Vaughan The New York Times

crolling past dozens of baby carriers online, I couldn't find one that would allow me to strap an infant to my chest using only one hand. In a few months, my wife, Lisa, would give birth to our first child, and I was searching for the perfect carrier to ease my anxiety as an

expectant father with cerebral palsy. I tried three carriers on display at the store, as well as a hand-me-down and another purchased online that looked like a tiny hammock. Fastening any of them with my left hand alone wasn't an option - and one required tying multiple pieces of fabric together, which just seemed like a cruel joke. After returning them to the store, I finally admitted that Lisa would need to help me buckle our baby boy into a harness.

At 32, my C.P. was manageable most days. Even though my right foot can be spastic, I walk independently. My sister taught me how to lace my shoes when I was a preteen, and I learned how to drive with the help of adaptive equipment in my 20s. Still, I type with one hand.

Despite daily limitations, I'd spent years trying to forget I had a disability, neglecting to reveal my C.P. to some of my closest friends until recently for fear of judgment. It took me a month to even tell Lisa about it when we first started dating eight years ago.

After attempting to hide a curled and constantly clenched right hand for a majority of my life, I was now determined to fully embrace my disability throughout Lisa's pregnancy. I returned to physical therapy for the first time since childhood to learn new skills, like using both hands to change a diaper so I would be physically prepared for my first child. It was also important to me to find acceptance in my disabled body, setting an example of self-love for my son, Noah.

Lisa finally found a BabyBjorn mini carrier a few months into our hunt, which my physical therapist and I assessed was optimal. The carrier had easy snaps, clips and minimal buckles that I was able to affix with one hand, however I'd still need some help securing it. I was planning to try out the new carrier, and other adaptive equipment, with Lisa's assistance once our son

What I didn't anticipate was just how challenging parenting as a disabled person would be even before my son came home. A harrowing delivery and an emergency following childbirth would mean that I had to care for Noah without Lisa's help for the first two days of his life.

After a 40-hour labor — which included four hours of pushing and then an emergency C-section when Lisa's doctor determined Noah was stuck — our baby came into the world healthy, with long, beautiful eyelashes — a fact the doctor shouted over the surgical curtain.

Lisa joked with the nurses as they took her vital signs in the recovery area while I tried using my right arm to boost our infant so his rosy cheeks would be visible to his mom lying down next to us. I was focused on

keeping my arm steady because my C.P. makes my right side weak and spastic, so I didn't notice more nurses

beginning to flood the room. Lisa was hemorrhaging.

The nurses fretted as they attempted to stop the blood loss. I looked on helplessly, trying to calm Noah's crying with his tiny body laying on my trembling right arm.

Lisa went back under anesthesia so doctors could pinpoint the hemorrhage site, and had an embolization procedure to stop the bleeding. I was sent to the maternity floor with our son alone while Lisa went to the intensive care unit for monitoring. She would receive a total transfusion of six blood units and two units of plasma by the next morning

Lisa's doctors kept repeating that they were happy to see her alive once she was transferred to the maternity floor with us after two days in the ICU. In the meantime, Noah and I were on

My mother-in-law joined us during visiting hours, helping me only when necessary and giving me space to reposition Noah when my right hand closed involuntarily. I'm sure the carrier would have also been useful, although I didn't think to unpack it in between messy diaper changes.

In a hospital rocking chair, my right hand hung limp as I figured out how my disproportionately small forearm could keep Noah steady while I used my left hand to lift and feed him — I soon discovered that stacking pillows underneath my right elbow and leaning the baby into the crook of my arm

was the way to go. The plastic packets containing his bottle tops could be opened with my teeth, and I learned to hold the bottle between my chin and neck while picking him up.

A few years ago, I finally stopped evading questions about my C.P., simply saying that I have a disability when someone offered a handshake I couldn't reciprocate. The maternity floor wasn't a place to feel apprehensive speaking about my disability, so I announced to every nurse who came to check on Noah that

My limitations are more apparent than ever, and it's going to take vulnerability to parent as a disabled dad. I can often pass as nondisabled, and it is frustrating living in between what many see as normal and needing assistance. However, I found confidence in my ability to parent Noah and advocate for myself during our two days in that maternity room.

On a crisp Sunday, a few weeks after Lisa was released from the hospital, she placed Noah inside the carrier. which was halfway strapped to my shoulder and chest. I used my right forearm like I had learned in the hospital to keep him in place while my left hand attached the top snaps. Meanwhile, Lisa worked to wiggle Noah's chubby legs through tiny holes I couldn't reach. Once she tightened a final band, we were ready to go.

Following some practice steps across the bedroom, Lisa and I took a long walk through our town as Noah slept inside the harness wrapped around my torso, safe and secure.

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# Study concludes sun protection for your skin won't weaken your bones

HealthDay News

Most people know that sun-sourced vitamin D is good for their bones. So could avoiding the sun to reduce skin cancer risk weaken your bones?

A new study brings a reassuring answer: "Sun-protective" behavior — wearing long sleeves, seeking shade or using sunscreen

"was not associated with decreased bone mineral density or increased risk of osteoporotic fracture," the researchers concluded.

One expert who wasn't connected to the study said the findings should put people's

unease to rest. 'It is critical that patients understand that proper sun protection does not make them more at risk for osteoporosis

and is important for preventing life-threatening skin cancers, such as malignant melanoma," said Dr. Michele Green, a dermatologist in New York City.

The new study was led by Dr. Megha Tollefson, of the department of dermatology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Her team looked at federal government data on more than 3,400 U.S. adults averaging about 40 years of age who had completed questionnaires detail-

ing their sun-protective behaviors. Nearly 32% of the participants said they frequently sought out shade, around 12% said they intentionally wore long sleeves

and about 26% used sunscreen. Tollefson's team then looked at data on all of the study participants' bone mineral density tests and any history of bone fractures that might be linked to osteopo-

The study could find no significant association between sun-protective behaviors and bone mineral density, and "there was no increased risk of osteoporotic bone fractures," either.

The findings are important, the study authors said, because the myth that sunscreen will deplete the body of bone-building vitamin D remains widespread.

"Despite the lack of established data to support negative associations of sun protection with vitamin D status and bone health, many patients may still be reluctant to use sunscreen because, in their own words, 'I don't want to become vitamin D-deficient," the team reported.

The study was published online recently in JAMA Dermatology.



DREAMSTIME



People magazine is honoring Simone Biles, from left, Sandra Oh and Dolly Parton. AP PHOTOS

# Biles, Oh, Parton are 'People of Year'

From news services

People magazine has named Olympic gymnast Simone Biles, actor Sandra Oh, country icon Dolly Parton and the nation's teachers as its "2021 People of the Year."

"This year has been a transformative one, pushing us all to create something new and hopefully better for our lives," the magazine said. "This issue reflects that spirit: Our People of the Year cover stars have all led the way in their fields to help make the world a little bit better."

Parton was cited for giving away millions of books and supporting COVID-19 research. Oh was celebrated for fighting anti-Asian hate and working on "transformative stories." People said Biles' focus on mental health "redefined what it means to win in sports." And the nation's more than 3 million teachers have "gone above and beyond to ensure our nation's kids have bright opportunities ahead."

The new issue hits newsstands Friday.

ABC to air Baldwin interview: Alec Baldwin told ABC's George Stephanopoulos in an interview airing Thursday that he did not pull the trigger on a prop gun he was holding

on a New Mexico film set when it went off, killing a cinematographer.

"I didn't pull the trigger," Baldwin said. "I would never point a gun at anyone and pull the trigger at them. Never."

It is Baldwin's first sitdown interview since the Oct. 21 shooting on the set of the western film "Rust." Authorities have said Baldwin was told the gun was safe to handle but continue to investigate how a live round ended up in the weapon.

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A clip released Wednesday shows Baldwin breaking down in tears while describing Halyna Hutchins, the cinematographer who was killed on the set. Director Joel Souza was also wounded.

Baldwin said in response to a question about how a live round ended up on the set: "I have no idea. Someone put a live bullet in a gun, a bullet that wasn't even supposed to be on the property."

The interview will air as part of an hourlong special on ABC Thursday night and stream on Hulu.

Noah to host Grammys: "Daily Show" comedian Trevor Noah will host the 2022 Grammy Awards show, CBS announced Wednesday, following his starring role at the ceremony earlier this year. "Trevor was amazing as our host for the 63rd Grammy Awards with praise from the music community, music fans and critics," Harvey Mason Jr., CEO of the Recording Academy, said in a statement. "We're so excited to welcome Trevor back to the Grammys stage."

The show will air Jan. 31 on CBS and Paramount+.

Police confirm case involving Songz: Police said
Tuesday they're investigating sexual assault allegations involving R&B artist
Trey Songz at a Las Vegas
Strip hotel. In a statement,
Las Vegas police said sex
crimes detectives received
a complaint about an incident Sunday involving the
singer and actor whose
name is Tremaine Aldon
Neverson.

Neverson was cooperating with the investigation, and no arrests have been made, said Officer Misael Parra, a police spokesman.

Dec. 2 birthdays: Actor Cathy Lee Crosby is 77. Actor Ron Raines is 72. Journalist Stone Phillips is 67. Actor Steven Bauer is 65. Actor Lucy Liu is 53. Rapper Treach is 51. Actor Suzy Nakamura is 48. Singer Nelly Furtado is 43. Singer Britney Spears is 40. Singer Jana Kramer is 38. Actor Alfred Enoch is 33. Singer Charlie Puth is 30.



# **ASK AMY**

**By Amy Dickinson** 

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# Overwhelmed mother wants to pack it in

**Dear Amy:** I never wanted to marry or have children. When my husband

When my husband proposed I knew it was right to say yes (no regrets). We ended up having a honeymoon baby ... and two others after that! Now they are 7, 5 and 3.

I love the life I thought I didn't want. I'm a stay-athome mom, and I homeschool all three children.

My husband works two jobs. He leaves at 4:15 a.m. and doesn't come home until 9 p.m. I'm so thankful he is willing to work to provide everything we need — and even a little more.

We just moved. I found the new house alone, cleaned and painted alone, packed and unpacked alone, all while homeschooling, doing the music lessons, karate classes, and being extremely involved in our church. All alone.

Lately, he's been very cranky, and I am giving him the benefit of the doubt. He's exhausted. I treat him like a king.

The few hours on the weekends that he could do things, he only offers excuses.

I already feel self-conscious that we got married when I was young (21) and never got my degree, but recently two people (at our daughter's fifth birthday party) implied that he works, but I don't! My husband and I were both offended.

Lately, I feel even more aware that SAHMs are looked down upon. I feel exhausted burt

I feel exhausted, hurt, and resentful. I feel like quitting.

I feel like packing up and leaving. And I've never admitted that to anyone. — Stuck SAHM Dear Stuck: You have admitted your darkest impulse. Every full-time parent will reach moments where they want to pack it in. Stay-at-home moms feel judged. Single moms feel judged. And every mom working outside the home also feels judged.

And who is doing the judging? Other women are. Your own self-criti-

cism takes up where your perception of what others are thinking leaves off. You should take a fresh look at how your home life is structured. Pull back

look at how your home life is structured. Pull back on obligations that are pushing you too far. For instance, one or more of your children might benefit from in-school instruction. Have you considered this? Are you co-schooling with other parents in order to share the load — and to feel less alone?

Your husband is missing a lot. Can he cut back on his hours?

When he is home on Saturdays, you should leave it all behind for at least three hours. Meet a friend, go for coffee, take a fitness class.

You and your husband also need to nourish your own relationship, as adults and without children (kids' birthday parties don't count).

It can be very challenging to pull this off, but it would be worth it.

Dear Amy: My cousin's 33-year-old daughter (with three children) just committed suicide. What can I say to her?

HorrifiedDear Horrified: Here are

Dear Horrified: Here are a few things not to say: "What happened?" "How did she do it?" "Why did

she do it?" "Who found her?" "Did she leave a note?" "How could she do this to you and her children?" Do not post about her death on social media unless/until her family

You can express versions of the following: "Oh no, I'm so sorry. I'm completely in shock. Would you like me come over? Are there any friends or family members you would like me to call for you, so you don't have to do that?"

Attend any services they might have. Share fond memories with other family members. After that, keep in touch. Ask nothing of her. Simply reach out.

Your words won't matter as much as your willingness to be present with your cousin through this sorrow-filled time.

Dear Amy: "Open and Lost in the South" wanted an open relationship with her boyfriend, and said he seemed fine with it until she told him she'd slept with multiple people.

Open and poly relationships work because of consent and transparency.

If "Lost" was having multiple partners before her boyfriend agreed to it, she wasn't being open — she was cheating.

The real problem is she deeply violated his trust. That hurts all relationships.

— Poly Guy

Dear Poly Guy: Exactly.

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# Rebecca Wisocky seeks structure in order to find freedom in roles

By Luaine Lee
Tribune News Service

Actor Rebecca Wisocky never thought of herself as beautiful. And, for her, that's a good thing. "I don't believe that I was ever perceived as a great beauty in this business, and I think it's been a boon and a strength for me because I always played older than I was." she says.

"I looked like I was 40 since I was 12 years old, and that's not really an exaggeration. And I never had to suffer the fate of being an aging ingenue because I've always played older. And I was able to do things that were, to me, just much more interesting."

What's interesting her now is playing the spectral grande dame of the haunted mansion on CBS' comedy, "Ghosts." Wisocky describes Hetty Woodstone as the woman "who built the house where the story takes place, and she lived and died during the Gilded Age in upstate New York, and was the wife of a robber baron. So she is representative of the decadence and excess and hypocrisy of that point in America history. I said, 'Yes, please.'"

Wisocky has been saying, "Yes, please," for nearly 30 years. She started in the theater and earned roles on a dizzying array of TV series such as "The Young and the Restless," "Devious Maids," "The Mentalist," "Criminal Minds" and "Dopesick."

But the part that stirred attention was the role of a drug-addled mother who enlisted her son in her crimes on "Law & Order: Criminal Intent." "People still stop me on the street for that one," she says.

"And I think I only got the role because no one famous wanted to be as downtrodden and



of the mansion that is haunted, in the comedy "Ghosts." **CBS** 

unattractive as the role required me to be. I played a hustling drug addict who had her son rob jewelry stores. She was just a terrible person. But I think I managed to imbue a little bit of pathos in her. I think that was maybe my first big guest star role. In our business, those things tend to snowball. When you prove that you can do it, more people are going to want you to."

An adoptee, Wisocky credits her parents with allowing her to express herself in a way that was completely foreign to them. Her dad worked for a mineral processing company, and her mom was an X-ray technician in York, Pennsylvania, where she grew up. "I was raised by parents who were genuinely curious about who I was, and it was just such a

wonderful gift," she says.
"I'm in a moment in
my life right now where
I'm very grateful for the
parents I was raised by. My
parents drove me countless hours back and forth
to the theater. They drove
me when I was in high
school up to New York
every weekend to go take
classes. They were devoted
and very generous and are
still my biggest fans."

Another big fan is her husband, Lap Chi Chu, a lighting designer. Though they both worked in the theater and knew the same people, they'd never met. "We went on this first date which was a terrible first date," she recalls.

"We didn't seem to speak the same language at that point in time, but the thing that was remarkable about it was we couldn't stay away from each other after that. We hung out the next night and the night after that. We fell in love as friends, and then fell in love," she says.

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Wisocky admits to
being a perfectionist in her
work and wishes she were
less critical of herself. "I
would (like) to have more
patience with myself and
would've fallen in love
with my husband years
before I actually did."

"Part of how I approach what I do, is I seek as much structure as possible so I can feel free inside of it — whether it be research that I do or being incredibly prepared or having a very musical relationship to how I believe a line was written and intended to be played. And then, only in that structure, do I find a sense of freedom in the role."

# HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

Aries (March 21-April 19): Life might feel like a tightrope walk today, but you can manage it! Things appear more dramatic than they actually are. Do your best to keep calm. If you maintain your cool, you should be able to stay balanced.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Intense emotions could be hurtling right at you today, possibly coming from someone in your life who you probably think of as an equal. Whether this energy will be used for good or for ill is still up in the air. You could wind up getting your buttons pushed, or someone could bring some fun your way!

Gemini (May 21-June 20): It shouldn't be surprising if you wake up with the urge to let loose. Make a point to get in a good workout, one that really gets the blood pumping. Use whatever motivation you still have to do some organizing — whether that's doing the laundry or making plans to reshape your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):
Don't hide yourself away
and refuse this opportunity. A beautiful beam
of energy is encouraging
you to express yourself.
Whether you want to put
on a show or while away
the hours doing something
creative on your own, don't
be afraid to dance to the
beat of your own drum.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):
Something is rising from deep under the surface.
However, you might not end up actually going very far — in fact, you're more likely to spend the day within your own four walls. Powerful energies are coming to a boiling point on the home front.
Take space for yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Watch your words. Your tongue is likely sharper than usual today. You don't have to keep quiet or avoid people — if anything, you're more than welcome to reach out. Make sure you don't wind up shocking someone! There's a big difference between sharing your ideas and forcing people to listen to you.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The stars are lighting a fire in your engine. There is a powerful energy focusing on your finances. You have the chance to really make it rain! If you're looking for a fresh opportunity to increase your earnings, now is the perfect time to apply for a raise or start looking for a new job.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your energy reserves could be incredibly amplified. You might feel like youve chugged several energy drinks without even realizing it. You may be able to move mountains if you really try, so don't set any limits on yourself — that's the last thing the universe wants from you right now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Dreaminess may blur today's edges. There's something occurring in your peripheral vision, just beyond where you can see. Don't think this is a case of FOMO — look at it as a preparatory phase. The best solution is to take a step back and let the universe guide you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): People could have a lot to say today. If you don't want to hear any noise from the peanut gallery, then you might want to put on some headphones and keep to yourself. There may be some tension. You should be able to get back to people in a day or two, but for now, it might be best to fly solo.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Aim high today! The most wonderful thing is that you might not need to work very hard in order to make a lot of progress. The road in front of you is clearing up. A VIP or supervisor could help you along this path to success, so don't hesitate to accept any helping hands along the way!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): The universe asks you to open yourself up to new ideas. It's easy to get stuck in a rut. Today there could be opportunities to break beyond any limiting barriers you've been forced to accept in the past. You shouldn't sit back and wait for these opportunities to appear — search them out.

# TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Dec. 2,1697, London's St. Paul's Cathedral was consecrated for use.

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry.

In1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

**In 1970,** the newly created Environmental Protection Agency opened its doors.

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted

a permanent artificial heart in the chest of Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

**In 1993,** Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death.

In 2015, a couple loyal to the Islamic State group opened fire at a holiday banquet for public employees in San Bernardino, California.

# **BONUS PUZZLE PAGE**

An extra array of word games, search and Jumble. Want more? Play online at **Play.Jumble.com** 

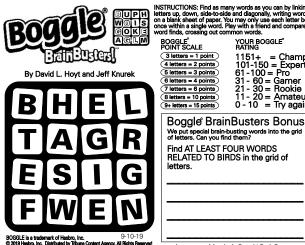


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#### **WORD SEARCH**

#### Wordsearch: the daily read

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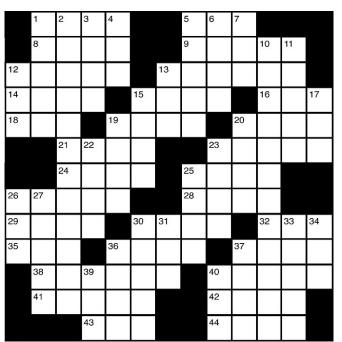
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#### by Jacqueline E. Mathews



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- producer George M. \_ 28 Singer Nelson \_\_\_
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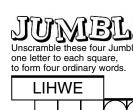
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### **JUMBLE**



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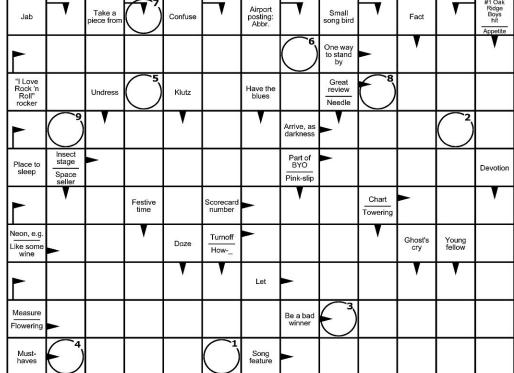
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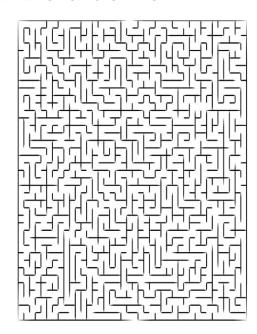
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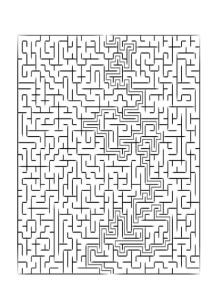


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# **KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES**











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#### **Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz









**Classic Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau









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**Dustin** By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker







**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis



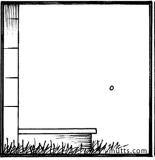






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Jump Start By Robb Armstrong







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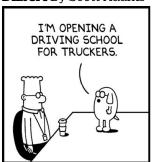
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall







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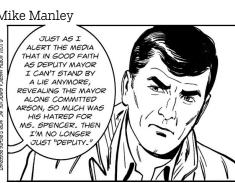
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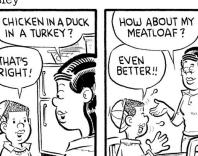


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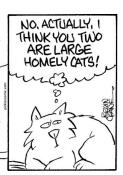


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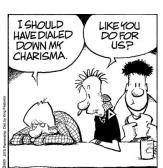




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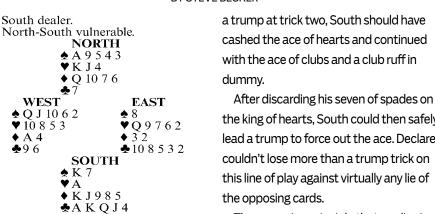
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# **BRIDGE**

BY STEVE BECKER



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First things first

North

The bidding: South

By Jeffrey Wechsler

When declarer is playing a slam, he should give the hand more tender, loving care than when he is playing, say, two clubs, trying to make eight tricks. The stakes are much bigger and therefore justify extra thought.

Take this case where South was in six diamonds and West led the queen of spades, won by declarer with the king. It did not take South long to go down one. He played a low diamond at trick two, whereupon West took the ace and led the jack of spades, and East ruffed to sink the slam.

It was obvious from the start that only a spade ruff could beat the contract. Declarer's thoughts should therefore have been focused on finding some way to stop the potential ruff. Instead of leading

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cashed the ace of hearts and continued with the ace of clubs and a club ruff in

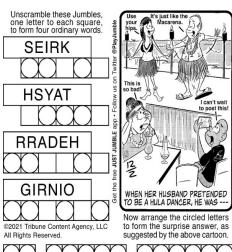
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the king of hearts, South could then safely lead a trump to force out the ace. Declarer couldn't lose more than a trump trick on this line of play against virtually any lie of the opposing cards.

The governing principle that applies is the same as it always is when the contract seems easy to make. Before proceeding with the play, declarer asks himself, "What can defeat me?" If he finds a threat, he then takes every precaution he possibly can to overcome the hypothetical danger.

# **Tomorrow:** Bidding quiz.

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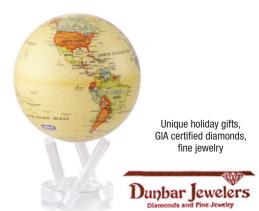
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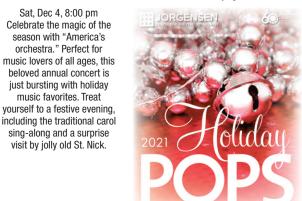
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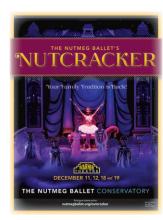








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**METS** 

# **WHATEVER** IT TAKES'

Max Scherzer says Steve Cohen's willingness to win, chance to pitch alongside Jacob deGrom were his top reasons for signing with the Mets

By Deesha Thosar New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Can the baseball season start already?

It's the feeling Max Scherzer elicited for all Mets fans watching and listening to their new too-good-to-be-true reality of the club's forthcoming lethal rotation. Max Scherzer, who has three Cy Young awards and has finished in the Cy Young Top 5 in eight of his last nine seasons, plainly stated how excited he is to be a Met and how thrilled he is to pitch as the team's second ace behind Jacob deGrom. Go ahead, read that last sentence again. Scherzer a future Hall of Famer and the active leader in punchouts — will

soon bring his 3,020 strikeouts to Flushing, and team up with one of the franchise's greatest pitchers.

"Steve [Cohen] said, 'It's whatever it takes to win here.' He looks at this as he wants to win a championship," Scherzer said Wednesday afternoon in his introductory Zoom press conference. "You don't hear that from owners too often these days. When you can finally hear an owner wanting to do whatever it takes to win, that piqued my interest.

"When you look at the team, the most obvious thing is yeah, pitch-

ing with Jake," Scherzer grinned. The eight-time All-Star added his house in Jupiter, Fla., and the commute to the Mets' spring training complex in nearby Port



This still image from video shows Mets pitcher Max Scherzer in his new team cap during a news conference Wednesday. The Mets and the threetime Cy Young Award winner finalized a \$130 million, three-year deal, a contract that shattered baseball's record for highest average salary and forms a historically impressive 1-2 atop New York's rotation with Jacob deGrom. **NEW YORK METS VIA AP** 

St. Lucie made his decision to sign with the Mets that much easier. And there are, of course, \$130 million other reasons.

Scherzer's record-breaking contract ushers in a new Mets era, one in which Cohen uses his financial prowess to bring baseball's biggest stars to Citi Field.

The process started a year ago, when Cohen inked Francisco Lindor to a \$341 million deal over 10 years. Then, in a span of four days last month, the single richest owner in Major League Baseball spent a combined \$254.5 million on four free agents. Scherzer, the splashiest Mets signing among a quartet that includes Starling Marte, Eduardo Escobar

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#### **UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# **Fudd out** at least 2 weeks with foot injury

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

STORRS - Just when she wasbeginning to find her footing, UConn women's basketball freshman Azzi Fudd has been shut down for at least two weeks with what coach Geno Auriemma has described as the beginning of a stress reaction in her foot, an injury that's been bothering her since the

Auriemma said that the former No. 1 recruit tried to play on it but after getting it reassessed, "She's not gonna be playing for awhile. Best to be cautious, it's a long season, and even more importantly, it's a long career for her. We'll see in two weeks where it goes from there."

That means the No. 2 Huskies (3-1) will be without Fudd for at least Friday's Big East opener against Seton Hall, Sunday's meeting against No. 24 Notre Dame and next week's matchups at Georgia Tech (Dec. 9) and versus UCLA (Dec. 11). Beyond that, the Huskies are slated to take on No. 10 Louisville on Dec. 19, Marquette on Dec. 29 and DePaul on Dec. 31 to round out the month.

Fudd was seen riding the Peloton in the open portion of practice Wednesday afternoon. She was coming off a scoreless game in the

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UConn at **Seton Hall** 7 p.m. Friday, SNY

■ Inside: Fudd inks partnership deal with Stephen Curry's organization. Page 4

# **UCONN MEN'S**

BASKETBALL

# Hurley says Huskies 'looked soft' in close win over a mid-major

By Shreyas Laddha Hartford Courant

On Tuesday night, the UConn men's basketball team narrowly escaped with a 72-63 victory over Maryland-Eastern Shore, but the score didn't showcase the looming concerns that await.

Senior guard Tyrese Martin sat out the game with a wrist sprain. In the postgame UConn coach Dan Hurley revealed Martin has a slight sprain and an avulsion fracture in his left wrist that will keep him out 2-4 weeks.

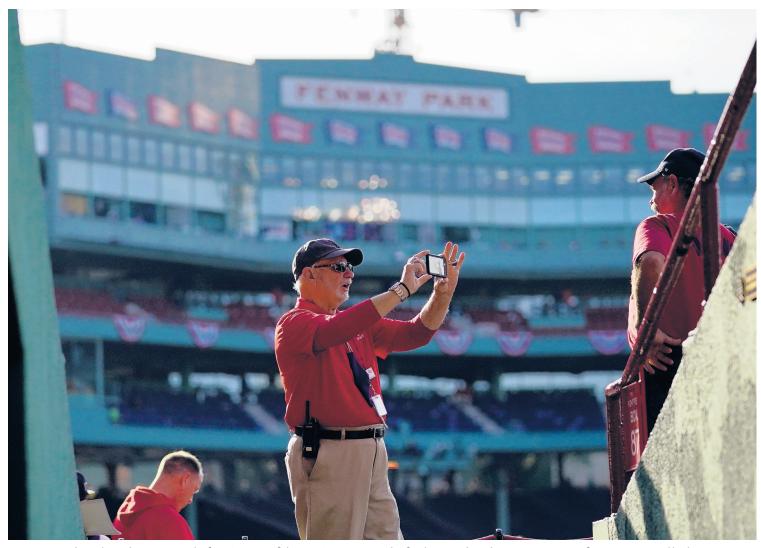
"Tyrese is a heart-and-soul kind of guy," Hurley said. "I mean Tyrese ... is a tone-setter with force. physicality and athleticism."

Sophomore forward Adama Sanogo, UConn's leading scorer, was bothered throughout the game with a lower abdominal strain that is being evaluated. If Sanogo misses time, UConn will be down

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Up next **Grambling at UConn** 4 p.m. Saturday, FS2

### **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**



A Fenway Park worker takes a picture before Game 5 of the ALCS on Oct. 20, the final game played in Boston in 2021. If MLB's expected lockout happens, it could lead to empty stadiums like Fenway and Yankee Stadium (below) into the 2022 season. AP, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS FILE

# At an impasse

# Everything you need to know about the pending MLB lockout

By Matthew Roberson

New York Daily News

NEW YORK - As Major League Baseball hurtled toward its deadline (Wednesday, 11:59 p.m. ET) for signing a new collective bargaining agreement, the league is no closer to an agreement than it was a month ago. This means the lockout — viewed by many around the game as a necessary evil if they want to get anything done — is a 99.9% certainty.

A lockout only becomes a true disaster if it cancels games. The whole point of doing it now is that

it provides enough time for a resolution before spring training begins in late February. But as long as the players are locked out, the following things will be true:

# **During the lockout**

No free agent signings, trades involving players on the 40-man roster or other types of player movement involving members of the MLB Players Association will be permitted.

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Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Celtics: at Jazz, Friday, 9 p.m.; at Trail Blazers, Saturday, 10 p.m.; at Lakers, Tuesday, 10 p.m. Knicks: Bulls, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Nuggets, Saturday, 1 p.m.; at Spurs, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. **Nets:** Timberwolves. Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Bulls,

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; at Mavericks, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. **UConn hockey:** at Merrimack, Friday, 7 p.m.; Merrimack, Saturday,

3 p.m.; at AIC, Dec. 9,

7 p.m. Bruins: at Predators, Thursday, 8 p.m.; Lightning, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Canucks, Wednesday, 9 p.m. Rangers: Sharks, Friday, 7 p.m.; Blackhawks, Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Blackhawks, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.

Wolf Pack: Belleville, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lehigh Valley, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.; at Lehigh Valley, Dec. 12, 3 p.m.

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**HOCKEY** 12 p.m.: Colorado Avalanche at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Taped) NHI

2 p.m.: Pittsburgh Penguins at Edmonton Oilers. (Taped) NHL 7 p.m.: Chicago Blackhawks at Washington Capitals. (Live) SPRTNET 8 p.m.: Boston Bruins at Nashville Predators. (Live), NESN

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**MLB** NOTES

# Hill, Sox pair up again on 1-year deal

Courant news services

With Major League Baseball's clock ticking towards a midnight lockout by owners and a resulting transaction freeze, the Red Sox continued to bolster their rotation. According to a major league source, the team reached agreement with lefthander Rich Hill on a one-vear deal.

Hill, 41, made 31 starts and logged 158 innings for the Rays and Mets last season, his largest workload since 2007. He went 7-8 with a 3.86 ERA, a 22.7 percent strikeout rate, and an 8.3 percent walk rate, continuing a mid-career rebirth as a starter that commenced shortly after the Red Sox signed Hill out of the independent Atlantic League in

This marks the seventh time that Hill has reached a free-agent agreement with the Red Sox. Last month, he made clear that as he prepared for an 18th big league season, the opportunity to return to the Sox (and continue his career while living at home in Milton, Mass.) had considerable appeal.

"[The Red Sox] do things right. I've been around 14 organizations. ... If I tell you that they're in the upper echelon [of franchises], they're doing pretty good," said Hill. "There is an interest [in the Red Sox], without a doubt. ... There's a need on the other end. [But] the need for starting pitching is very apparent throughout the league — not just in Boston. It's also many other clubs that

In the end, however, it was the Sox who offered the right fit for Hill,



Red Sox catcher Kevin Plawecki warms up before Game 1 of the ALCS against the Rays on Oct. 7 in St. Petersburg, Florida. CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

who joins Michael Wacha and James Paxton – recovering from Tommy John surgery and likely out until after the All-Star break — as rotation reinforcements signed to one-year deals for 2022.

In addition, Boston re-signed backup catcher Kevin Plawecki to a one-year deal \$2.25 million.

Plawecki, 30, hit .287/.349/.389 in 64 games for the Red Sox in 2021. In addition to that solid offensive production, he also emerged as the primary catcher for All-Star Nate Eovaldi, who had a 3.28 ERA while holding hitters to a .644 OPS with Plawecki behind the plate in 96 innings.

— Alex Speier, Boston Globe

### Yankees: Urshela, German, Sanchez to return in 2022

Infielder Gio Urshela agreed to a one-year, \$6.55 million contract with the New York Yankees on Tuesday, while starting pitcher Domingo Germán agreed to \$1.75 million and pitcher Lucas Luetge to \$905,000.

New York also released infielder Chris Gittens, who plans to sign with a team in Japan.

The slick-fielding Urshela hit .267 with 14 homers and 49 RBIs. He mostly played third base but shifted to shortstop in the final weeks of the season because of Gleyber Torres' defensive troubles

Germán was 4-5 with a 4.58 ERA in 18 starts and four relief appearances in his return from a suspension under Major League Baseball's domestic violence

Luetge was 4-2 with a 2.74 ERA in 57 relief appearances, his first majorleague action since 2015 with Seattle.

New York offered 2022 contracts to the remaining unsigned players on its 40-man roster, including catcher Gary Sánchez.

Meanwhile Corey Kluber and Rougned Odor officially became ex-Yankees on Wednesday.

Two-time Cy Young Award winner Kluber and the Tampa Bay Rays finalized a one-year, \$8 million free-agent contract Wednesday. The deal includes an additional \$5 million in incentives.

# Lockout

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any team facilities. While most players retreat to their hometown in the offseason, or some non-affiliated gym in a warm-weather state, players like Jameson Taillon (who has been rehabbing at Yankee Stadium) will have to find somewhere else to workout.

The annual Winter Meetings, typically baseball's largest summit of executives and media members, would be canceled. They were originally scheduled for Dec. 6-9 in Orlando.

The Rule 5 draft, which had been slated for Dec. 9, would also be post-

Arbitration hearings would be halted until the lockout is over.

Seiya Suzuki, the Japanese star looking to make a stateside jump, will have his 30-day "posting" window

Some of the major talking points in the negotiations between the players' union and the owners include postseason expansion, pace of play reforms, draft rules, possible payroll floors, how to address rampant and obvious tanking and developing one standardized baseball that is both easy for pitchers to grip and not overwhelmingly "dead" or "juiced." Players will also want to put a stop to service time manipulation that often delays them from hitting free agency.

# What can happen

The international signing period, which was moved from July to January due to the pandemic, would go on as planned. Amateur players are not affected by an MLB lockout. Both the Yankees and the Mets got some of their top current prospects from the international signing period, with the Yankees getting shortstop Oswald Peraza from Venezuela and outfielder Jasson Dominguez from the Dominican Republic. Francisco Alvarez, the Mets' catching prospect who won their Minor League Player of the Year award in 2021, was signed out of Venezuela in 2018. Ronny Mauricio, the club's third-ranked prospect by MLB Pipeline, was an international signing from the Dominican Republic as well.

Teams could still technically make trades, they'd just have to involve players not on the 40-man roster, meaning minor leaguers could still theoretically get dealt. Minor leaguers are not represented by the Players' Associa-

Teams with job openings can contact, interview and hire potential managers and coaches. This is particularly important for the Mets (who still do not have a manager) and the Yankees (who are looking to hire two more hitting coaches, an extra pitching coach, and a first base coach).

# **NFL** NOTES Giants' Jones practices on limited basis

Courant news services

New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones practiced on a limited basis despite a strained neck, and he hopes to play this weekend against the Dolphins in Miami.

"I think it's just sore," Jones said Wednesday after a short workout. "Like I said, I'm feeling much better today and expect I'll continue to feel better and better every Concern about Jones'

playing status blew up Tuesday night when it was reported he sustained a neck injury in a win over the Eagles on Sunday and there was a chance he might miss a game.

It was somewhat surprising because Jones did not appear to be hurt in the 13-7 win. He didn't miss anv snaps, and he took part in the post-game news conference.

Jones said he woke up early Monday because his neck hurt. Coach Joe Judge added he was not told at any time during the game that Jones was hurt. He found out Monday when he got a copy of the injury report. Players had Tuesday off.

The Giants added a security blanket, announcing Wednesday they had signed quarterback Jake Fromm off the Buffalo Bills' practice squad. He was taken in the fifth round of the 2020 draft and was inactive all season.

**Notes:** Linebacker Trent Harris (ankle) and cornerback Adoree Jackson (quad) did not practice Wednesday after being hurt Sunday. Fullback Cullen Gillaspia (calf), WR John Ross (illness), TE Kyle Rudolph (ankle), WR Sterling Shepard (quad), tight end Kaden Smith (knee) and receiver Kadarius Toney (oblique/ quad) also did not practice Wednesday. Ross is the only member of the group who played Sunday.

- Tom Canavan. Associated Press

### **Patriots: Kyle Dugger placed on COVID** list, could miss Bills game

Patriots safety Kyle Dugger tested positive for COVID-19 Wednesday, missed practice and might now miss Monday night's game at Buffalo.

If Dugger is unvaccinated, he will miss a minimum of 10 days. If he is vaccinated and asymptomatic, he can return as soon as he produces two negative tests 24 hours apart. Should symptoms surface, Dugger can rejoin the team once he is asymptomatic for 48 hours and produces two negative tests taken at least 24 hours apart.

He landed on COVID-19 reserve a day after the Pats lost running back J.J. Taylor to a positive test.

The Patriots' top draft pick in 2020, Dugger leads the defense with 80 tackles and ranks third in interceptions with three. Without him, the Pats' safety depth would be down to Devin McCourty, Adrian Phillips, Myles Bryant and specialteamer Cody Davis. Dugger has played in every game this season and started 10.

Meanwhile, the Patriots waived rookie kicker Quinn Nordin from injured reserve Wednesday. Nordin had been designated to return off IR earlier this week. The undrafted rookie was sidelined by an abdomen injury in Week 2. He impressed during training camp, but ultimately lost the starting job to veteran Nick Folk, who is tracking for a career year. — Andrew Callahan, Boston Herald

Eight-time All-Star Max Scherzer, shown pitching for the Dodgers in October, agreed to a \$130 million, three-year contract with the New York Mets on Wednesday. JOHN HEFTI/AP

# Mets

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and Mark Canha, will receive \$130 million in three years. The eighttime All-Star's \$43.3 million annual average value shatters Gerrit Cole's previous record, set at \$36 million when he signed with the Yankees in

The Mets are counting on these significant moves and lucrative price tags to help get them into the playoffs for the first time since 2016.

### **Breaking** down the deal

There are several things to unpack when it comes to this historic deal. Scherzer signed with the Mets

for three years and \$130 million. However, he can opt out after the second year if he feels so inclined. The breakdown of money means that Scherzer will get \$43.33 million

per year, beating out the previous record held by Gerrit Cole, who receives \$36 million per year from his deal with the Yankees. As part of the agreement with the

Mets, the 37-year-old three-time Cy Young winner received a full no-trade clause. The contract is loaded with incentives. Scherzer would rake in a \$200,000 bonus for winning MVP

or Cy Young, \$150,000 for a World

Series MVP and \$100,000 for an

NLCS MVP and All-Star nod. The Mets now have, comfortably, the highest payroll in the league. Their estimated 2022 payroll stands at \$263 million. In second place, the Yankees' estimated payroll sits at \$214 million.

# Where it ranks

In terms of total dollars, Scherzer's commitment ranks as the fifth-largest in Mets' history. No one can touch his annual average value, but four players have signed on for more money, as their contracts were much longer.

Francisco Lindor: Scherzer's new teammate created a baseball tidal wave when he signed a 10-year, \$341 million piece of paper with the Mets prior to the 2020 season.

David Wright: The captain ranks in second place. His eight-year, \$138 million signature in 2012 kept him away from free agency and made him a Met for his entire career. Jacob deGrom: The other magnif-

icent pitcher in the Mets' rotation looks a bit underpaid now. His fiveyear, \$137.5 million contract expires after the 2023 season but includes a club option for 2024. **Johan Santana:** After trading for

Minnesota's indomitable lefty, the Mets extended Santana for six years and \$137.5 million prior to the 2008 Scherzer: At \$130 million, Scher-

zer slides in after deGrom and Santana but ahead of Carlos Beltran, who came to the Mets on a sevenyear, \$119 million offer.

Matthew Roberson of the New York Daily News contributed to this story.

# **REGIONAL DIGEST**

### **Sun's Jonquel Jones** named to Forbes' 30 Under 30 list

Even in the WNBA offseason, the accolades keep rolling in for the Connecticut Sun's Jonquel Jones.

Jones, the 2021 WNBA MVP, was named to the Forbes' 2022 30 Under 30 list in the sports category. The Atlanta Dream's Elizabeth Williams joined her as WNBA players repre-

The 6-foot-6 forward/center

became the first WNBA MVP to have previously won Most Improved Player (2017) and Sixth Woman of the Year (2018). She helped guide the Sun to a 26-6 regular-season record and No. 1 overall seed going into the WNBA playoffs, where the Sun lost in four games in the semifinals to the eventual champions, the Chicago Sky.

In her fifth WNBA season, Jones averaged 19.4 points, 11.2 rebounds (a league-best), 2.8 assists, 1.3 blocks and 1.3 steals. The 2021 season marked her return to the WNBA floor after she opted out of the 2020 "bubble"

season due to COVID-19 concerns.

Jones, who is from the Bahamas and currently holds Bosnian citizenship, is currently playing overseas with UMMC Ekaterinburg. She is an unrestricted free agent heading into the 2022 WNBA season.

– Alexa Philippou, Hartford Courant

### **Next two Wolf Pack** games postponed

The AHL has announced that the Hartford Wolf Pack's scheduled

Friday and Saturday games have been postponed due to "COVID-19 protocols affecting the Wolf Pack." Games at the Providence Bruins on Friday and home against the Utica Comets on Saturday at the XL Center have been affected. Friday's game is rescheduled for April 4, 2022, while Saturday's new date is to be announced.

Hartford (12-4-2-0) is currently in second place in the AHL's Atlantic Division with 26 points, four behind the Springfield Thunderbirds.

- Staff report

#### SCOREBOARD

| EASTERN CON  | FFRF   | <b>ICF</b>  |  |                            |
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| ATLANTIC   | W  | L   | PCT  | GE                         |
| Brooklyn   | 15   | 6   | .714   | _                          |
| New York   | 11   | 10  | .524   | 4                          |
| Boston   | 11   | 10  | .524   | 4                          |
| Philadelphia   | 11   | 10  | .524   | 4                          |
| Toronto  | 9  | 13  | .409   | 6 1/2                      |
| SOUTHEAST  | w  | L   | PCT  | GE                         |
| Miami  | 13   | 8   | .619   | -                          |
| Washington   | 13   | 8   | .619   | -                          |
| Charlotte  | 13   | 10  | .565   | 1                          |
| Atlanta  | 11   | 10  | .524   | - 12                       |
| Orlando  | 4  | 18  | .182   | 9 1/2                      |
| CENTRAL  | w  | L   | PCT  | GE                         |
| Chicago  | 14   | 8   | .636   | _                          |
| Milwaukee  | 13   | 8   | .619   | 1/2                        |
| Cleveland  | 11   | 10  | .524   | 2 1/2                      |
| Indiana  | 9  | 14  | .391   | 5 1/2                      |
| Detroit  | 4  | 17  | .190   | 9 1/2                      |
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| SOUTHWEST  | W  | L   | PCT  | GE                         |
|  |  | 9   | .526   | -                          |
| Dallas   | 10   |   |  |                            |
| Memphis  | 11   | 10  | .524   | _                          |
| Memphis<br>San Antonio   | 11   | 10<br>13  | .316   |                            |
| Memphis<br>San Antonio<br>New Orleans  | 11<br>6<br>6   | 10<br>13<br>17  | .316   | 6                          |
| Memphis<br>San Antonio   | 11   | 10<br>13  | .316   | 6                          |
| Memphis<br>San Antonio<br>New Orleans<br>Houston   | 11<br>6<br>6<br>4<br><b>W</b>  | 10<br>13<br>17<br>16  | .316   | 6 ½                        |
| Memphis San Antonio New Orleans Houston  NORTHWEST  Utah   | 11<br>6<br>6<br>4<br><b>W</b>  | 10<br>13<br>17<br>16<br><b>L</b>  | .316<br>.261<br>.200<br><b>PCT</b>   | 6 ½<br>GE                  |
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| Memphis San Antonio New Orleans Houston  NORTHWEST  Utah Minnesota Denver Portland Oklahoma City  PACIFIC Phoenix Golden State L.A. Clippers | 11<br>6<br>6<br>4<br><b>W</b><br>14<br>11<br>10<br>11<br>6<br><b>W</b> | 10<br>13<br>17<br>16<br><b>L</b><br>7<br>10<br>10<br>11<br>14<br><b>L</b><br>3<br>3 | .316<br>.261<br>.200<br>PCT<br>.667<br>.524<br>.500<br>.500<br>.300<br>PCT<br>.857<br>.857 | 6 ½  GE  3 3 ½ 3 ½ 7 ½  GE |
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Atlanta at Indiana, late Denver at Orlando, late

Minnesota at Washington, late Cleveland at Miami, late Philadelphia at Boston, late Charlotte at Milwaukee, late Dallas at New Orleans, late Houston at Oklahoma City, late Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago at New York, 7:30p.m. Milwaukee at Toronto, 7:30p.m. Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8p.m. Detroit at Phoenix, 9p.m. San Antonio at Portland, 10p.m.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS** Memphis 98, Toronto 91 Brooklyn 112, New York 110 L.A. Lakers 117, Sacramento 92 Phoenix 104, Golden State 96 Portland 110, Detroit 92

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| EAST          | W   | L   | Т   | PCT  | PF  | PA  |
| New England   | 8   | 4   | 0   | .667 | 336 | 190 |
| Buffalo       | 7   | 4   | 0   | .636 | 326 | 182 |
| Miami         | 5   | 7   | 0   | .417 | 234 |     |
| N.Y. Jets     | 3   | 8   | 0   | .273 | 199 | 334 |
| SOUTH         | W   | L   | T   | PCT  | PF  | PA  |
| Tennessee     | 8   | 4   | 0   | .667 | 304 | 290 |
| Indianapolis  | 6   | 6   | 0   | .500 | 340 | 283 |
| Houston       | 2   | 9   | 0   | .182 | 164 | 292 |
| Jacksonville  | 2   | 9   | 0   | .182 | 173 | 283 |
| NORTH         | W   | L   | Т   | PCT  | PF  | PA  |
| Baltimore     | 8   | 3   | 0   | .727 | 263 | 240 |
| Cincinnati    | 7   | 4   | 0   | .636 | 309 | 226 |
| Pittsburgh    | 5   | 5   | 1   | .500 | 224 | 267 |
| Cleveland     | 6   | 6   | 0   | .500 | 254 | 267 |
| WEST          | W   | L   | T   | PCT  | PF  | PA  |
| Kansas City   | 7   | 4   | 0   | .636 | 281 | 250 |
| Denver        | 6   | 5   | 0   | .545 | 228 | 196 |
| L.A. Chargers | 6   | 5   | 0   | .545 | 273 | 293 |
| Las Vegas     | 6   | 5   | 0   | .545 | 259 | 295 |

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| EAST          | W   | L    | Т   | PCT  | PF  | PA  |
| Dallas        | 7   | 4    | 0   | .636 | 326 | 250 |
| Washington    | 5   | 6    | 0   | .455 | 229 | 282 |
| Philadelphia  | 5   | 7    | 0   | .417 | 304 | 273 |
| N.Y. Giants   | 4   | 7    | 0   | .364 | 202 | 253 |
| SOUTH         | W   | L    | Т   | PCT  | PF  | PA  |
| Tampa Bay     | 8   | 3    | 0   | .727 | 347 | 253 |
| Atlanta       | 5   | 6    | 0   | .455 | 199 | 302 |
| New Orleans   | 5   | 6    | 0   | .455 | 257 | 249 |
| Carolina      | 5   | 7    | 0   | .417 | 236 | 253 |
| NORTH         | W   | L    | Т   | PCT  | PF  | PA  |
| Green Bay     | 9   | 3    | 0   | .750 | 283 | 242 |
| Minnesota     | 5   | 6    | 0   | .455 | 281 | 276 |
| Chicago       | 4   | 7    | 0   | .364 | 179 | 254 |
| Detroit       | 0   | 10   | 1   | .045 | 174 | 289 |
| WEST          | W   | L    | Т   | PCT  | PF  | PA  |
| Arizona       | 9   | 2    | 0   | .818 | 310 | 202 |
| L.A. Rams     | 7   | 4    | 0   | .636 | 299 | 263 |
| San Francisco | 6   | 5    | Ω   | 545  | 280 | 248 |

**WEEK 13** THURSDAY'S GAME Dallas at New Orleans, 8:20p.m. SUNDAY'S GAMES Arizona at Chicago, 1p.m

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Indianapolis at Houston, 1p.m. L.A. Chargers at Cincinnati, 1p.m. Minnesota at Detroit, 1p.m. N.Y. Giants at Miami, 1p.m. Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m. Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1p.m. Jacksonville at L.A. Rams, 4:05p.m. Washington at Las Vegas, 4:05p.m. Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:25p.m. San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25p.m. Denver at Kansas City, 8:20p.m. MONDAY'S GAME

New England at Buffalo, 8:15p.m. Off: Cleveland, Tennessee, Carolina, Green Bay

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| FAVORITE            | LINE    | UNDERDOG     |
| at Cleveland St     | 31/2    | N. Kentucky  |
| at TCU              | 9       | Oral Roberts |
| Oakland             | 51/2    | III. Chicago |
| at Arizona          | 19      | Washingtor   |
| at California       | 3       | Oregon State |
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| NBA         |      | 1        | THURSDAY    |
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| FAVORITE    | LINE | O/U      | UNDERDOG    |
| at Toronto  | off  | (off)    | Milwaukee   |
| Chicago     | 2    | (2131/2) | at New York |
| at Memphis  | 91/2 | (2151/2) | Okla. City  |
| at Phoenix  | off  | (off)    | Detroit     |
| at Portland | off  | (off)    | San Antonio |
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| NHL             |       | THURS          | DAY  |
| FAVORITE        | LINE  | UNDERDOG       | Line |
| at Carolina     | -315  | Ottawa         | +25  |
| Colorado        | -156  | at Montreal    | +13  |
| at Tampa Bay    | -144  | St. Louis      | +12  |
| at Florida      | -275  | Buffalo        | +22  |
| at Washington   |       |                | +17  |
| at N.Y Islander | s-115 | San Jose       | -10  |
| at Minnesota    | -196  | New Jersey     | +16  |
| Boston          | -130  | at Nashville   | +10  |
| at Dallas       | -176  | Columbus       | +14  |
| Calgary         | -138  | at Los Angeles | +11  |
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| FAVORITE       | SP     | O/U                 | UNDERDOG        |
| W Kentucky     | 21/2   | $(72\frac{1}{2})$   | at UTSA         |
| at Utah        | 21/2   | (571/2)             | Oregon          |
|                |        |                     | SATURDAY        |
| Kent State     | 31/2   | $(74\frac{1}{2})$   | at N. Illinois  |
| at Oklahoma S  | t.41/2 | (461/2)             | Baylor          |
| at S. Diego St | 61/2   | $(49\frac{1}{2})$   | Utah State      |
| Appalachian S  | t 21/2 | (521/2)             | at La-Lafayette |
| Georgia        | 61/2   | $(49\frac{1}{2})$   | at Alabama      |
| at Cincinnati  | 101/2  | $(52\frac{1}{2})$   | Houston         |
| Michigan       | 101/2  | (431/2)             | at Iowa         |
| Pittsburgh     | 31/2   | $(71\frac{1}{2})$ a | at Wake Forest  |
| at California  | 31/2   | (571/2)             | USC             |
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| Pittsburgh<br>at California   | 3½<br>3½<br>3½   | (43½) at 10Wa<br>(71½) at Wake Forest<br>(57½) USC  | t                                       |
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| NFL WEEK 13 FAVORITE Dallas   | <b>SP</b> 5  | THURSDAY O/U UNDERDOG (47½) at New Orleans  | ì                                       |
| Dallas  | 5  | SUNDAY  |   |
| Minnesota<br>at Kansas City<br>at Miami<br>Tampa Bay<br>at Cincinnati<br>Indianapolis<br>Philadelphia<br>Arizona<br>at Las Vegas<br>Baltimore<br>at LA Rams<br>at Seattle | 7<br>off<br>4½<br>11<br>3<br>9<br>6½<br>7½<br>2½<br>4<br>13<br>off | (46½) at Detroit<br>(off) Denver<br>(40½) NY Giants<br>(50½) at Atlanta<br>(50½) LA Chargers<br>(45½) at NY Jets<br>(45½) at Chicago<br>(49½) Washington<br>(44) at Pittsburgh<br>(47½) Jacksonville<br>(off) San Francisco | 5 1 5 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
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|   | Toronto    | 23 |    | -  | ĭ  | 33       | 66 | 49 |
|   | Tampa Bay  | 21 | 12 | 5  | 4  | 28       | 67 | 60 |
|   | Detroit    | 23 | 11 |    | 3  | 25       | 63 | 72 |
|   | Boston     | 19 | 11 | 8  | 0  | 22       | 57 | 53 |
|   | Buffalo    | 22 | 8  | 11 | 3  | 19       | 64 | 7  |
|   | Montreal   | 24 | 6  | 16 | 2  | 14       | 55 | 8  |
|   | Ottawa     | 19 | 4  | 14 | 1  | 9        | 46 | 73 |
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| Pittsburgh     | 22  | 10  | 7  | 5  | 25  | 63 | 6  |
| Columbus       | 20  | 12  | 8  | 0  | 24  | 67 | 6  |
| New Jersey     | 20  | 9   | 7  | 4  | 22  | 59 | 63 |
| Philadelphia   | 20  | 8   | 8  | 4  | 20  | 49 | 6  |
| N.Y. Islanders |     |     | 10 | 2  | 12  | 32 | 52 |
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| Minnesota      | 22  | 15  | 6  | 1  | 31  | 83 | 66 |
| St. Louis      | 22  | 12  | 7  | 3  | 27  | 75 | 62 |
| Nashville      | 22  | 12  | 9  | 1  | 25  | 64 | 63 |
| Dallas         | 20  | 11  | 7  | 2  | 24  | 57 | 56 |
| Winnipeg       | 22  | 10  | 8  | 4  | 24  | 60 | 6  |
| Colorado       | 18  | 11  | 6  | 1  | 23  | 73 | 56 |
| Chicago        | 21  | 7   | 12 | 2  | 16  | 45 | 6  |
| Arizona        | 23  | 5   | 16 | 2  | 12  | 42 | 82 |
| PACIFIC        | GP  | W   | L  | OT | PTS | GF | G/ |
| Calgary        | 22  | 13  | 4  | 5  | 31  | 72 | 43 |
| Edmonton       | 20  | 15  | 5  | 0  | 30  | 77 | 59 |
| Anaheim        | 23  | 12  | 8  | 3  | 27  | 75 | 6  |
| San Jose       | 22  | 12  | 9  | 1  | 25  | 60 | 60 |
| Vegas          | 21  | 12  | 9  | 0  | 24  | 66 | 64 |
| Los Angeles    | 21  | 9   | 8  | 4  | 22  | 57 | 59 |
| Seattle        | 22  | 8   | 13 | 1  | 17  | 65 | 7  |
| Vancouver      | 23  | 7   | 14 | 2  | 16  | 53 | 74 |

conference advance to playoffs. WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, late Colorado at Toronto, late Seattle at Detroit, late Vancouver at Ottawa, late Pittsburgh at Edmonton, late Vegas at Anaheim, late

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in

each division and two wild cards per

THURSDAY'S GAMES Buffalo at Florida, 7p.m. Chicago at Washington, 7p.m. Colorado at Montreal, 7p.m. Ottawa at Carolina, 7p.m. St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 7p.m. San Jose at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m. Boston at Nashville, 8p.m. New Jersey at Minnesota, 8p.m. Columbus at Dallas, 8:30p.m. Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS San Jose 5, New Jersey 2 Detroit 2, Boston 1 Florida 5, Washington 4 Minnesota 5, Arizona 2 Nashville 6, Columbus 0 St. Louis 4, Tampa Bay 3 (SO) Dallas 4. Carolina 1 Anaheim 5, Los Angeles 4(SO) N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, ppd

### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**FRIDAY'S GAMES** Conf. USA Championship, San Antonio Western Kentucky (8-4) vs. UTSA (11-1), 7p.m. Pac-12 Championship, Las Vegas

Oregon (10-2) vs. Utah (9-3), 8p.m. **SATURDAY'S GAMES** 

Big 12 Championship, Arlington, Tex Baylor (10-2) vs. Oklahoma State (11-1), noon **MAC Championship, Detroit** 

Kent State (7-5) vs Northern Illinois (8-4), noon Mtn. West Championship, Carson, Calif. Utah State (9-3) vs.

San Diego State (11-1), 3p.m. **Sun Belt Championship, Lafayette, La.** Appalachian State (10-2) vs. La-Lafay-(11-1), 3:30p.m. SWAC Championship, Jackson, Miss. Jackson St. (10-1) vs. Prairie View (7-4), 4 p.m. SEC Championship, Atlanta Georgia (12-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 4 p.m. American Ath. Championship, Cincinnati

Cincinnati (12-0), 4p.m. Big Ten Championship, Indianapolis Michigan (11-1) vs. Iowa (10-2), 8p.m. ACC Championship, Charlotte, N.C. Pittsburgh (10-2) vs

Wake Forest (10-2), 8p.m. Also: USC (4-7) vs. California (4-7), 11 p.m.

**NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS** FRIDAY'S SECOND ROUND Holy Cross at Villanova, 7p.m. E. Washington at Montana, 9p.m. SATURDAY'S SECOND ROUND Incarnate Word at Sam Houston, 3p.m. UT-Martin at Montana St., 4p.m. S. Illinois at North Dakota St., 3:30p.m. Kennesaw St. at ETSU, 2p.m. S. Dakota St. at Sacramento St., 9p.m.

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS Shepherd vs. Kutztown, noon NW Missouri St. vs. Ferris St., 1p.m.

SE Louisiana at James Madison, 2p.m.

Bowie St. vs. Valdosta St., 1p.m. Angelo St. vs. Colorado Mines, 2p.m.

NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS Muhlenberg vs. Mount Union, noon Mary Hardin-Baylor vs. Linfield, 1p.m. Rensselaer vs. North Central, 1p.m. Central (IA) vs. Wis.-Whitewater, 1p.m.

DAVIS CUP WORLD GROUP FINAL WEDNESDAY QUARTERFINALS Hard-Indoor, Group Round Robin Madrid Arena, Madrid, Spain SERBIA 2, KAZAKHSTAN 1 Mikhail Kukushkin (Kaz) d. Miomir Kecmanovic, 7-6(5), 4-6, 7-6(4). Novak Djokovic (Ser) d.

Alexander Bublik, 6-3, 6-4, Novak Djokovic/ Nikola Cacic (Ser) d. Aleksandr Nedovyesov/ Andrey Golubev, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

THURSDAY'S QUARTERFINALS Russian Federation vs. Sweden, 10a.m. Semifinals, Saturday; Finals, Sunday

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MLS CUP PLAYOFFS **EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS** Nov. 30: #4 New York City FC 2, New England 2 (NYCFC 5-3, PK)

SATURDAY, WEST CONFERENCE FINALS #4 Portland vs. #7 Salt Lake, 5:30 p.m. SUNDAY'S EAST CONFERENCE FINALS #2 Philadelphia vs. #4 New York City FC, 2 p.m.

**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE** 

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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS Watford 1, Chelsea 2 West Ham 1, Brighton 1 Wolverhampton 0, Burnley 0 Southampton 2, Leicester 2 Aston Villa 1, Man City 2 Everton 1, Liverpool 4 THURSDAY'S MATCHES Tottenham vs. Brentford, 2:30p.m. Man United vs. Arsenal, 3:15p.m.

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 Duke (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Purdue (7-0) did not play. Next:

No. 3 Gonzaga (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Alabama, Saturday.
No. 4 Baylor (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Saturday. Ark.-Pine Bluff, Saturday No. 5 UCLA (6-1) vs. Colorado. Next: at Washington, Sunday No. 6 Villanova (4-2) at Penn. Next: vs.

Saint Joseph's, Sdaturday.

No. 7 Texas (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Rio Grande Valley, Frida No. 8 Kansas (5-1) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Friday.

No. 9 Kentucky (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southern U., Tuesday.
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Next: at Colorado, Saturday No. 14 Florida (6-0) at Oklahoma. Next: vs. Texas SOuthern, Monday. No. 15 Houston (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Bryant, Friday.
No. 16 Alabama (6-1) did not play. Next:

vs. No. 3 Gonzaga, Saturday No. 17 UConn (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Grambling St., Saturday. No. 18 Memphis (5-1) at Georgia. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.

No. 19 Iowa State (6-0) vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff. Next: at Creighton, Saturday. No. 20 Southern Cal (6-0) vs. Utah. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.. No. 21 Auburn (5-1) vs. UCF. Next: vs.

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Next: vs. Marquette, Saturday.
No. 24 Michigan (4-2) at North Carolina.
Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.
No. 25 Seton Hall (5-1) vs. Wagner. Next: vs. Nyack College, Saturday

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

Hofstra 81, Princeton 77 St. Francis (Pa.) 93, Bucknell 67 Stony Brook 80, American 57 SOUTH

FIU 77, Florida Gulf Coast 61 Middle Tennessee 73, UT Martin 61 NC Central 67, SC-Upstate 65 UNC-Asheville 65, The Citadel 58 W. Carolina 102, Warren Wilson 47 MIDWEST

Xavier 78, Cent. Michigan 45

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED No. 1 South Carolina (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas St., Friday. No. 2 UConn (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 NC State (6-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Indiana, Thursday.

No. 4 Stanford (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Sunday, Dec 12. No. 5 Baylor (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.
No. 6 Indiana (5-1) did not play. Next:

vs. NC State, Thursday.
No. 7 Arizona (7-0) did not play. Next: No. 8 Maryland (6-2) did not play. Next: No. 9 lowa (4-0) did not play. Next: at

Duke, Thursday.

No. 10 Louisville (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Michigan, Thursday. No. 11 Tennessee (7-0) beat Tennessee Tech 76-48. Next: at Va. Tech, Sunday. No. 12 Michigan (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Akron, Sunday. No. 13 South Florida (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. UT Arlington, Thursday No. 14 Iowa St. (7-0) did not play. Next:

at LSU, Thursday.

No. 15 Texas (5-1) vs. Jackson St. Next: at No. 17 Texas A&M, Sunday. No. 16 Kentucky (5-1) beat W. Virginia 83-60. Next: vs. Merrimack, Sunda No. 17 Texas A&M (8-0) beat Little Rock No. 18 Ohio State (5-0) at Syracuse. Next: at Purdue, Sunda No. 18 Oregon (3-3) lost to UC Davis 64-57. Next: at Portland, Saturday

No. 20 Georgia (6-0) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech., Thursday. No. 21 BYU (7-0) did not play. Next: at o. 22 FGCU (8-0) beat Princeton Next: vs. Palm Beach Atl. Dec. 9.

No. 23 Oregon St. (4-2) beat Pacific 76-72. Next: at Monmouth, Dec. 10. No. 24 Notre Dame (6-1) did not play. No. 25 Florida St. (4-2) did not play. Next: at Illinois. Thursday.

# **GOLF**

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# **PGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS**

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| 3. Sam Burns        | 4 | \$1,944,031 |
| 4. Rory McIlroy     | 1 | \$1,755,000 |
| 5. Sungjae Im       | 4 | \$1,632,198 |
| 6. Viktor Hovland   | 3 | \$1,435,781 |
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At 7-4, the Chiefs lead the AFC West by one game over the other three teams. Overall, the AFC has only four teams with losing records through 12 weeks this season. DAVID EULITT/GETTY

**NFL** INSIDE THE NUMBERS

# In AFC, victories starting to pile up

Through Week 12, conference has 12 teams at .500 or better

By Josh Dubow Associated Press

The NFL has never quite seen a conference like this year's AFC.

Heading into December, only four teams in the conference have losing records, with the 12 teams at .500 or better the most for a conference through 12 weeks since the merger.

There have been three seasons when 11 teams in a conference didn't have losing records at this juncture, having happened previously in the AFC in 2014 and 1980, and the NFC in 2008.

The AFC West is leading the way with all four teams holding winning records with the Chiefs (7-4) one game up on a trio of 6-5 teams in the Chargers, Raiders and Broncos.

This marked the fourth time since the current eight-division format started in 2002 that all teams in a division had winning records after 12 weeks. It also happened in the 2014 AFC North and the 2008 AFC East and NFC South.

The AFC North also has provided four of the teams at .500 or better.

It's a far different story in the NFC where, for the second straight season, only six teams are at .500 or better through 12 weeks. The last time a conference had fewer at this point in the season came in 2013, in

It's a jumbled mess in the middle of the NFC with four teams — Washington, the Vikings, Falcons and Saints - currently tied for seventh at 5-6, a half-game ahead of the Eagles and Panthers at 5-7.

That leaves open the possibility that a team with a losing record could make the playoffs for a second straight year after Washington won the NFC East last season with a 7-9 mark. In all. 14 of the 16 NFC teams are within one game of a playoff spot, with only the Seahawks (3-8) and Lions (0-10-1) seemingly out of contention.

The dichotomy between the conferences is less about AFC dominance than it is about the lack of a dominant team in the AFC. While the NFC has three teams with three

or fewer losses - the Cardinals, Packers and Buccaneers — only the Ravens can say that in the AFC

The AFC does have a slight edge in the interconference play with a 31-27-1 record.

### Double threat

Deebo Samuel has emerged as one of the NFL's top receivers in his third season. He's also been a pretty effective runner of late as a unique dual threat for the 49ers.

Samuel has rushed for 181 yards and four TDs on 19 carries the last three games when lining up as a running back. Samuel is the first receiver since the merger to run for a TD in three straight games in the same season.

His five TD runs are the most for a receiver in a single season in the Super Bowl era, surpassing Tavon Austin's four in 2015.

Samuel also joined Roger Craig (1985) and Marshall Faulk (1999) as the only players to score five TDs running and receiving and have 1,000 yards receiving in a single

### Bad streak

Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford is in the midst of a forgettable streak. Stafford has thrown a pick six in three straight

Stafford is the first QB to throw pick sixes in three straight games since 2013, when Matt Schaub had a record four-game streak and Blaine Gabbert did it three games in a

The only other players since 1991 to do it in three straight games are Peyton Manning (2001), Ty Detmer (1996) and John Elway

# Take it away

The Patriots' J.C. Jackson has a knack for taking the ball away.

Jackson had his seventh interception of the season last week against the Titans, giving him 24 in his career. That's tied with Richard Sherman for the third-most for a player in his first four seasons since the merger, one behind Lester Hayes and Everson Walls.

# IN BRIEF

# Blazers' Lillard out at least 10 days

Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard is out for at least 10 days because of lower abdominal tendinopathy.

Lillard missed Tuesday night's victory over the Pistons with the condition. An MRI confirmed the diagnosis, the Blazers announced Wednesday.

Lillard will be evaluated again in 10 days. He will miss at least four upcoming games. The six-time All-Star is averaging 21.5 points and 7.8 assists through 20 games this season.

Blazers forward Nassir Little is also out for at least one week with a left ankle sprain. Little was injured Monday against the Jazz.

Little has played in 21 games, including two starts this season, and has averaged 8.3 points and 5.3 rebounds.

■ Heat All-Star C Bam Adebayo will undergo surgery to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament in his right thumb, the team announced. ESPN reported that Adebayo is expected to be out for four to six weeks, which would cause him to miss between 15 to 20 games. Adebayo, 24, is averaging 18.7 points, 10.2 rebounds, 3.2 assists and 1.1 steals per game. ... After a four-month investigation, the NBA punished Bulls and Heat with the loss of second-round draft picks because of premature discussions into the free agency of Gs Lonzo Ball and Kyle Lowry, the league announced Wednesday. The league concluded that the teams had impermissible discussions with representatives of the players ahead of the opening of free agency on Aug. 2.

**Baseball:** The Dodgers and All-Star OF/ INF Chris Taylor were close to agreement on a contract, ESPN reported. Taylor, 31,

received a qualifying offer worth \$18.4 million for one year, but turned it down to enter free agency. Terms of the deal weren't yet available. ... The Diamondbacks and four-time All-Star reliever Mark Melancon agreed to a two-year, \$14 million contract, ESPN reported. Melancon, 36, led Major League Baseball last season with 39 saves for the Padres. ... LaMarr Hoyt, who won the 1983 AL Cy Young Award with the White Sox, died Monday following a lengthy illness. He was 66. Hoyt went 98-68 with a 3.99 ERA in eight years in the majors. He had 48 career complete games, including eight shutouts, and 10 saves. The 6-foot-3 right-hander was the 1985 All-Star Game MVP, pitching three innings of one-run ball in the NL's 6-1 victory over the AL. Hoyt played for the Padres that season.

**NFL:** Taysom Hill will make his first start at QB this season for the Saints against the Cowboys on Thursday night, ESPN reported. Hill, 31, replaces Trevor Siemian, who went 0-4 as the Saints' starter after he earned a victory in relief of the injured Jameis Winston in Week 8 against the Buccaneers. Hill went 3-1 as the Saints' starter last season as an injury replacement for Drew Brees. ... Buccaneers WR Antonio Brown is expected to remain sidelined for at least two more weeks, ESPN reported. Brown has been out since suffering an ankle injury in Week 6. ... The Seahawks signed veteran RB Adrian Peterson to their practice squad as a potential reinforcement for their banged-up backfield. Peterson, 36, who ranks fifth in league history with 14,902 career rushing yards and was the league MVP in 2012, was waived last week by the Titans. He carried 27 times for 82 yards and a TD in three games.

**UCONN FOOTBALL** 

# Mora fills out his staff with Charlton, Hillard

**By Dom Amore** Hartford Courant

New UConn football coach Jim Mora continues to move quickly to complete his staff.

On Wednesday, he named Maine head coach Nick Charlton his top assistant on offense and Dalton Hilliard to coach defensive backs.

"Nick is a dynamic and innovative offensive mind who is wellequipped to take our offense to a completely different level of efficiency," Mora said in a school statement. "Nick has an impressive track record of helping quarterbacks reach their potential, but his expert understanding of offense has helped countless student-athletes achieve success. I'm excited to welcome Nick to UConn and I know he can't wait to get to work."

Charlton, 33, was the youngest head coach in Division I when Maine promoted him from offensive coordinator in 2018.

In three seasons, his teams were 14-13 but near the top of their conference in most offensive categories. In 2019, Maine led the Colonial Athletic Association and set a

school record with 3,558 passing yards and scored a school-record 29 touchdowns through the air.

At UConn, he will be assistant head coach/offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. On Sunday, UConn hired John Allen as passing game coordinator. UConn, which was 128th among 130 FBS schools in total offense, will be looking for a complete revamp.

Before Maine, Charlton was an assistant on offense at Boston College. He has had success in developing wide receivers as well as quarterbacks.

"This is a tremendous opportunity, and I look forward to getting started right away as we build a dynamic, exciting offense that UConn Nation will be proud of," Charlton said.

Hilliard, 31, played four years at UCLA and was a graduate assistant coach under Mora, earning a degree in sociology and a master's in higher education. He played briefly with the Chicago Bears and professionally in Italy, then coached the secondary at Tennessee-Martin and Arkansas State last season.

"I have known Dalton for a

number of years and have great respect for his coaching ability and his character," Mora said. "Dalton has been making a positive impact on the lives of young men for years, and I know he will have a positive effect on our student-athletes both on and off the field."

Mora, 60, is assembling a young staff, with nearly all his hires in their early to mid 30s.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to be a part of something extremely special," Hilliard said. "Having played for Coach Mora, I have seen him transform a program from a player's perspective. Now I'm here as a coach and ready to work.

"The UConn standard of excellence on and off the field has to be met on a daily basis and I am excited about that challenge."

Both Charlton and Hilliard need to complete UConn's on-boarding

Rvan Osborn, an analyst at Michigan, is a possibility to join UConn's staff as defensive line coach.

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### **UConn**

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a very efficient scorer who helps lock down the paint on the defensive end. The result of Martin's absence and Sanogo not being a 100% wasn't pretty.

They say out of adversity, comes opportunity, and for a few UConn players, the opportunity has arrived.

All year long, UConn players and coaches parroted their depth and mental toughness. On Tuesday, the only player that seemed to show up on both ends was senior guard R.J.

Cole finished with 25 points on 8-for-16 shooting. Without Cole, the rest of the team shot just 41% on 16-for-39 shooting.

"I've talked about our program depth for a long time," Hurley said. "There's no excuses for this program in any of the games moving forward."

Hurley urged his team to give Cole more support.

"We're going to need others to give us more than what we got," he Hurley said.

UConn has built its reputation on hard-nosed defense and all-out hustle, both were sorely missing on Tuesday night. The Huskies allowed the Hawks to make 24 of 51 field goals and go 7-for-18 from the 3-point line.

"[Martin] leaves a significant void on the perimeter," Hurley said. "I mean Tyrese is an all-conference level player ... one of our big three. We are going to need a little bit of time to figure out how we go about things."

In the game against LIU, Martin limited Tyrn Flowers to just four points in 2-for-9 shooting and went 4-for-4 from the field.Martin's maturity will be sorely missed on a team that looks to him as a leader.

For Hurley, this game seemed to erase all the progress the Huskies (7-1) made during the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament in the Bahamas



UConn's R.J. Cole, right, is fouled by Maryland-Eastern Shore's Donchevell Nugent in the second half Tuesday in Hartford. JESSICA HILL/AP

where they beat No. 21 Auburn and VCU in 2OT and OT, respectively, and lost a close game to No. 22 Mich-

"You come out of therewith a couple of wins and ranked 17th and you've got great momentum in recruiting and you come out here not ready go," he said.

With Martin missing time and Sanogo still being evaluated, it begs the question: Who will step up offensively besides Cole? Martin and Sanogo account for 33% of UConn's 85.6 points per game and are the most efficient scorers. Their potential absence will force Cole. shooting 42.7%, to take even tougher

Sanogo and Martin are second and third in points for UConn with 15.6 and 12.9, respectively. If both miss time, it forces Cole to become the primary option. At that point, the only other player on the team that averages double-digits is Tyler Polley with 10.1 points per game.

With Martin's absence, all eyes will be on freshman sharpshooter Jordan Hawkins who started in his place against UMES.

Hawkins, a consensus top-50 recruit, has shown flashes of his promise, but nothing so far that shows he is ready to fill the scoring void left behind by Martin. Against UMES Hawkins didn't make much of an impact on either side of the court, scoring just five points in 25 minutes and grabbing three

Speaking of rebounding, UConn's was below par against the Hawks. They barely outrebounded a team (33 to 30) that didn't have a guy over 6 feet 5 in the starting lineup.

"The rebounding, which we hang our hats on, was a horror show," Hurley said.

Martin leads the team in rebounds per game, and Sanogo is the Huskies' third-best rebounder.

Tuesday was supposed to be an easy game for the Huskies, UMES came in ranked No. 351 in the nation according to KenPom. From here on out, UConn's schedule gets tougher with only a few mid-majors remaining.

Hurley didn't mince words about the overall play.

"We looked soft in a lot of respects," he said.

**UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** 

# Curry signs Fudd to NIL deal with his SC30 brand

Associated Press

 $SAN\ FRANCISCO-Stephen$ Curry has made Azzi Fudd his Splash Sister.

Curry is bringing the star UConn women's basketball freshman into his SC30 Inc. brand in a unique, wide-ranging partnership that will support her successes both on and off the court as the nation's top recruit builds her collegiate career — a multi-dimensional name, image and likeness contract.

Golden State's reigning NBA scoring champion, with two young daughters, has long been dedicated to helping women shine and vowed to do more for the women's game. In 2018, Fudd participated in Curry's elite camp as one of two women invited to take part and she and Curry have continued to build their friendship since. Curry also held an all-girls camp that summer.

Fudd's involvement with SC30 – the athlete-run organization handling Curry's off-court business — will entail far more than strictly a sponsorship deal, too.

Curry plans to personally mentor the 5-foot-11 guard from Arlington, Virginia, who played at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C., as she balances school, basketball and the demands of being a face for

female athletes. He wants to help Fudd show the world who she is through not only her personality and passions but by also providing a platform and financial backing to share her values and ideas.

'Azzi Fudd is the best choice to start a brand relationship like this because she is the next face of women's basketball and has been a part of SC30 Inc. and the Curry Brand family since she was an invitee to the All-American Camp," Curry said.

Two-time MVP Curry and his SC30 team plan to give Fudd guidance through professional services and growth opportunities to develop her brand. That will mean chances to host and attend events and be part of new brand partnerships, and to deliver her personal social impact initiatives while additionally promoting and being involved in some of those dear to Curry and his family.

"Our values are aligned when it comes to family, and in terms of hard work and for the appreciation of blessings in your life," Curry said.

College student-athletes can now be compensated, and Fudd's UConn teammate, Paige Bueckers, received a deal from Gatorade on Monday.

For Fudd, like Curry, this could just be the start.

### **Fudd**

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Battle 4 Atlantis championship against South Carolina, but the day before had put up a careerbest 18 points on six 3s against

Her 19.5 minutes per game are the most for any UConn bench player and sixth-most on the

"I don't know if you saw her when she played, it didn't look great, right? She's not getting up and down the floor great and it's been bothering her," Auriemma said. "We were trying to work at it, work at it, She's a really tough kid. She never wants to sit down. She thinks she can do anything. You've been waiting all this time to play and she tried playing through it, and it's

just not working."
With Fudd out, UConn's backcourt depth takes a hit but provides sophomore Nika Mühl and freshman Caroline Ducharme an opportunity to step up. Mühl's 8.3 minutes per game are down 66 percent from last year when she emerged as a starter for the second half of the season. She has struggled at times in the first four games to find a groove offensively.

Ducharme is averaging 6.3 minutes per game off the bench, though she didn't take the floor in the South Carolina game. Prior to the season, Auriemma was high on her readiness and the impact she could make.

"Sometimes that's good. Sometimes added pressure is not good, but yeah, it certainly means more playing time for them, more opportunities for them. That means we're asking more of them," he said. "And they both can do it. Obviously they're both capable. Nika showed us last year, and Caroline has shown us pretty much every day in practice. That hasn't transferred over yet to games, but it will."

The good news on the injury front is that junior Aubrey Griffin is expected to make her first appearance of the season this weekend. Auriemma said "She's gonna be able to give us a few minutes" as she makes her way back from a high-ankle sprain she suffered at the beginning of the preseason.

The UConn staff will have Griffin go for however long she feels comfortable, Auriemma said. She's also dealing with what he described as "chronic back issues" that have hindered her recovery.

Auriemma said last week that Griffin was missed in the South Carolina loss and he expects her to bolster the Huskies' depth in more ways than one. As a sophomore last season, Griffin averaged 6.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.2 steals in 16.7 minutes per game. He's said he also has been pushing her to shoot the ball more.

"Defensively, I think for one [way she'll help the team]. Rebounding I think for two. Attacking, slashing kind of guy that we kind of are missing for three," Auriemma said. "She's a much better stand-up shooter from the 3-point line than people recognize. I don't think there's area that she doesn't help us."

# Quotable

Auriemma could be eyeing a new recruit for well down the line with the news that former Husky Napheesa Collier and fiancé Alex Bazzell are expecting their first child, a daughter,

Auriemma was jokingly asked if he'd consider offering Collier's daughter a scholarship.

"For sure," he said. "If she's a third of the person, the player, the strength of character that Pheesa was, I'll take her on my team. At birth. I don't even want to wait 18 years."

The 2040 Huskies could be stacked between Collier's daughter and Breanna Stewart's and Diana Taurasi's latest additions this year.

"I'll be coaching the shuffleboard team in Miami Beach [by then]," Auriemma said. "Hopefully I'll be the one that can go retrieve them because everybody else will be too tired to go get them. I could be the guy that still does things."

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# **COLLEGE BASKETBALL** STATE/BIG EAST ROUNDUP

# Central defeats Holy Cross; winless Hartford loses at Winthrop

Staff and wire reports

Nigel Scantlebury scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Central Connecticut State basketball team to its second win of the season. a 73-67 nonconference win over Holy Cross on Wednesday night in New Britain.

Ian Krishnan had 16 points for CCSU (2-6) and Andre Snoddy added 11. Judson Martindale led Holy Cross with 22 points and Gerrale Gates added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Winthrop 82, Hartford 75: At Rock Hill, S.C., despite a game-high 21 points from Austin Williams the Hawks remained winless on the season after the nonconference defeat. Williams also had a team-leading 11 rebounds for Hartford (0-7), while David Shriver had 20 points and Moses Flowers 15 and eight

Villanova 71, Penn 57: At Philadelphia, Collin Gillespie scored 26 points, Brandon Slater had 16 and No. 6 Villanova rolled to the Big 5 win.

The Wildcats (5-2) used an early 13-0 run that gave them a needed cushion by halftime. Seton Hall 85, Wagner 63: At

Newark, N.J., Jared Rhoden had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Kadary Richmond added 10 points, leading No. 25 Seton Hall. Richmond also added nine assists, six rebounds, four steals, and a blocked shot as Seton Hall (6-1) won its third straight game. Alexis Yetna added 11 points, six rebounds, and two blocked shots for the Pirates.

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# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

#### **SHORTS**

### WTA suspends tourneys in China

The head of the women's professional tennis tour announced Wednesday that all WTA tournaments would be suspended in China because of concerns about the safety of Peng Shuai, a Grand Slam doubles champion who accused a former high-ranking government official in that country of sexual assault. Peng dropped out of public view after raising the allegations about former vice premier Zhang Gaoli in a Nov. 2 social media posting that was quickly taken down by Chinese authorities. "Unfortunately, the leadership in China has not addressed this very serious issue in any credible way," WTA Chairman and CEO Steve Simon wrote in a statement distributed by the tour. "While we now know where Peng is, I have serious doubts that she is free, safe, and not subject to censorship, coercion, and intimidation." Simon repeated his call for a "full and transparent investigation - without censorship" into Peng's accusations and took an unusually strong stand against China, which was supposed to be the site of several tennis tournaments next year, including the prestigious season-ending WTA Finals. "In good conscience, I don't see how I can ask our athletes to compete there when Peng Shuai is not allowed to communicate freely," Simon said.

### **Cautious Texans cancel practice**



The Texans canceled practice and all other in-person activities Wednesday on the advice of their medical team because some players weren't feeling well. Coach David Culley said they haven't had any positive COVID-19 tests. Culley, speaking to reporters via Zoom, said that the team would resume

operations Thursday. "We've got a few players that are under the weather, a little sick, and our medical team just felt like that it'd be best for us for precautionary reasons just to keep them home, and then we'll be back to business as usual (Thursday)," Culley, above, said. Players stayed home Wednesday and team meetings were held virtually. Texans defensive end Jacob Martin said going through virtual work in the early part of the pandemic made dealing with a situation like this easier. "We've had so much practice at this, whether you're virtual or doing in-person meetings, that doesn't really matter," he said. "Guys that played the COVID season last year, we have a good understanding of what needs to be done in terms of routine." The Texans (2-9) host the Colts (6-6) on Sunday.

### **Buckeyes beat top-ranked Duke**

Ohio State's resiliency was too much for top-ranked Duke to handle. Zed Key scored a career-high 20 points and Ohio State held No. 1 Duke scoreless for the final 4 ½ minutes, completing a rally from a 15-point second-half deficit to beat the Blue Devils 71-66 on Tuesday night in Columbus, Ohio. E.J. Liddell hit two free throws with 1:06 remaining to give the Buckeyes (5-2) their first lead since early in the first half, and his jumper made it 69-66 with 16 seconds left. Duke freshman Paolo Banchero missed a tying 3, and Cedric Russell got the rebound and closed it out at the freethrow line. Ohio State fans stormed the court. "I thought our ability to stay with it was really important," Ohio State coach Chris Holtmann said. "... We had a number of guys make plays down the stretch." The Blue Devils (7-1) claimed the top spot in this week's AP Top 25 poll — a stay that could be brief — after beating then-No. 1 Gonzaga in Las Vegas. Ohio State improved to 2-1 against ranked foes this year with its fourth straight game decided in the final minutes. Liddell finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds for Ohio State, which beat the No. 1 team in the country for the second straight time on its home court. The Buckeyes knocked off Michigan State 80-64 on Jan. 7, 2018.



Baseball's collective bargaining agreement was set to expire at 11:59 p.m. ET on Wednesday, which may lead to a lockout. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

**BASEBALL** 

# Labor peace nears an end

Lockout looms as owners, players remain at impasse

By Ronald Blum and Stephen Hawkins

IRVING, Texas — The clock ticked down Wednesday toward the expiration of Major League Baseball's collective bargaining agreement at 11:59 p.m. EST and a likely management lockout ending the sport's labor peace at 9,740 days over 26 ½ years.

After successfully reaching four consecutive agreements without a stoppage, players and owners have appeared headed for a confrontation for more than two years.

The lockout seems very likely," pitcher Max Scherzer, a member of the union's executive committee, said Wednesday after finalizing his contract with the Mets.

Management negotiators left the union's hotel about nine hours before the deal was set to expire and both sides said talks would not resume in the evening. Players said MLB didn't make any new central economic proposals this week.

The union demanded change following anger over a declining average salary, middle-class players forced out by teams concentrating payroll on the wealthy and veterans jettisoned in favor of lower-paid youth, especially among clubs tearing down their rosters to rebuild.

"As players we see major problems with it," Scherzer said of the 2016 agreement. "First and foremost, we see a competition problem and how teams are behaving because of certain rules that are within that, and adjustments have to be made because of

that in order to bring out the competition." Management, intent on preserving salary restraints gained in recent decades, rejected

the union's requests for what teams regarded

as significant alterations to the sport's economic structure, including lowering service time needed for free agency and salary arbitration.

Many clubs scrambled to add players ahead of a lockout and an expected signing freeze, committing to more than \$1.9 billion in new contracts - including a one-day record of more than \$1 billion Wednesday.

Two of the eight members of the union's executive subcommittee signed big deals: Rangers infielder Marcus Semien (\$175 million) and Scherzer (\$130 million).

"This is actually kind of fun," Scherzer said. "I'm a fan of the game, and to watch everybody sign right now, to actually see teams competing in this kind of timely fashion, it's been refreshing because we've seen freezes for the past several offseasons."

Much has changed since the 232-day strike that cut short the 1994 season, led to the first cancellation of the World Series in 90 years and caused the 1995 season to start late. That stoppage ended only when a federal judge - future Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor — issued an injunction forcing owners to restore the work rules of the expired labor contract.

The average salary dropped from \$1.17 million before the strike to \$1.11 million but then resumed its seemingly inexorable rise. It peaked at just under \$4.1 million in 2017, the first season of the latest CBA, but likely will fall to about \$3.7 million when this year's final figures are calculated.

That money is concentrated heavily at the top of the salary structure. Among approximately 1,955 players who signed major league contracts at any point going into the regular season's final month, 112 had earned \$10 million or more this year as of Aug. 31, of which 40 made at least \$20 million, including prorated shares of signing bonuses.

There were 1,397 earning under \$1 million,

of which 1,271 were at \$600,000 or less and 332 under \$100,000, a group of younger players who shuttle back and forth to the minors.

Union head Tony Clark, a former All-Star first baseman, said players are united and understand the need to stick together to achieve common goals. The sides are still litigating over the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, sniping over how to long the season could have been and taking their positions before a neutral arbitrator.

The union has withheld licensing money, as it usually does going into bargaining; cash, U.S. Treasury securities and investments totaled \$178.5 million last Dec. 31, according to a financial disclosure form filed with the U.S. Department of Labor.

'We have a pretty war chest behind us of money that we can allocate to players," Scherzer said.

Some player agents have speculated that management's credit lines already may be pressured following income deprivation caused by the coronavirus pandemic, but the clubs' finances are more opaque publicly than that of the union, making it difficult to ascertain comparative financial strength to withstand a lengthy work stoppage

Rob Manfred, who succeeded Bud Selig as commissioner in 2015 following a quarter-century as an MLB labor negotiator, made clear last month that management preferred an offseason lockout to a midseason strike.

"We've been down this path. We locked out in '89-90," he said. "I don't think '94 worked out too great for anybody. I think when you look at other sports, the pattern has become to control the timing of the labor dispute and try to minimize the prospect of actual disruption of the season. That's what it's about. It's avoiding doing damage to the season."

#### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

# No resolution yet on playoff expansion

By Ralph D. Russo Associated Press

DALLAS — The latest meeting on expanding the College Football Playoff wrapped up without a resolution Wednesday as the people involved agreed to keep talking.

CFP Executive Director Bill Hancock said there remains a strong consensus among the management committee, comprised of the 10 major college football conference commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director, to expand the four-team playoff field.

But how and when? A proposed 12-team model remains at the heart of the discussions and there's still hope it can be implemented for the 2024 season. Which conferences would

be ensured access to the field is still up for debate.

"I thought there was a chance we'd get to the end today," Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said. "We didn't and there were good and appropriate reasons why we didn't. There are people in the room that are differently situated and they therefore have different perspectives. And they were healthy discussions. I think we made good progress, but we aren't done."

The next scheduled meeting is January around the College Football Playoff championship game in Indianapolis, but it's possible the commissioners could meet sooner.

Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson said there are still some who would rather expand only to eight teams. Others are adamant eight won't work.

"I was part of a group that brought forward a recommendation of six conference champions and six best remaining teams - or you can stay at four," said Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey, one of four members of the subcommittee that worked for two years on the 12-team model put forth nearly six

Where do things stand with that original proposal?

"Well, it's certainly not been approved," Sankey said. "Otherwise, we wouldn't be having this conversation today."

The seven-hour meeting at a hotel at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport was the sixth in-person gathering of the management committee since the subcommit-

tee's proposal was unveiled in June. In the morning, a room was prepared for the possibility that a news conference could be held to announce the commissioners had reached consensus on an expansion model. A podium was set up in front of a backdrop of College Football Playoff logos, facing about a half dozen chairs for reporters in attendance.

By early afternoon, that setup was being broken down.

Instead of making big news, a short statement from Hancock was released at the conclusion of the meeting. Thompson, Bowlsby and Sankey then took turns informally speaking with reporters outside the meeting room on their way to the elevators.

Big Ten Commissioner Kevin Warren, Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner Jim Phillips and Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff did not speak with reporters.

Those commissioners, all relatively new to playoff talks, were skeptical of the process from the start and became even more leery of how quickly it was moving toward 12 teams after it was revealed the SEC would be adding Oklahoma and Texas to the league in the next few years.

They pushed to revisit the possibility of expansion to only eight teams, though the obstacles to getting agreement on that were plentiful.

Since then, the road to expansion has become bumpy.

"I wish we had finished in September," said Bowlsby, who was also a member of the expansion subcommittee with Sankey, Thompson and Notre Dame AD Jack Swarbrick.

### WEATHER



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Partly sunny, very breezy and cooler.

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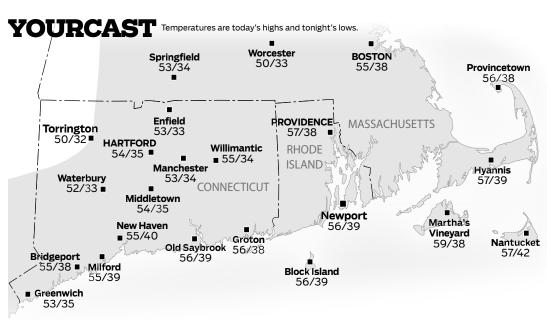
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### OUTLOOK

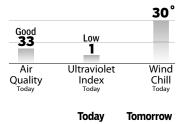
A cold front approaching the area on Thursday will cause mostly cloudy skies with scattered showers. It will be breezy and milder. The winds will be south at 10 to 15 mph and gusts between 20 and 30 mph. High temperatures will be in the 50s in all except northern Litchfield County which should remain in the upper 40s. Any lingering showers will end this evening, then partial clearing will develop. Temperatures will remain above normal with lows in the 30s. High pressure over the Ohio Valley will ridge into the area Friday with a partly sunny sky and seasonable temperatures.

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| Connecticut River | 11:00 a.m. | 5:39 a.m. |       |
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| Madison           | 8:34 a.m.  | 2:14 a.m. | 48°   |
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| New Haven         | 8:54 a.m.  | 2:38 a.m. | 47°   |
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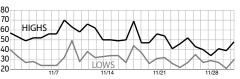
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### **FOOTBALL**

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#### **SUNDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE** CIAC STATE TOURNAMENTS

# FOOTBALL

Class **LL**—Semifinals No. 5Shelton (9-2) vs. No. 1Fairfield Prep (10-1) at Fairfield University, No. 3Darien (10-1) at No. 2New Canaan (10-1), 12:30p.m. Class **L**—Semifinals

No. 5Windsor (10-1) at No. 1St. Joseph (10-1), 11:30p.m. No. 7Masuk (9-2) vs. No. 3Maloney (10-1) at Falcon Field, Meriden, 12:30

p.m. Class **M**—Semifinals No. 5Branford (9-2) at No. 1Killingly (10-0), 12:30p.m. No. 6Torrington (8-3) at No. 2Rockville,

Class S-Semifinals No. 5New Fairfield (9-2) at No. 1Bloomfield (11-0), 12:30p.m. No. 3Ansonia (10-1) vs. No. 2Cromwell/ Portland (11-0) at Pierson Park, Crom-

#### **WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS**

# MEN'S BASKETBALL

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**UMASS 74, FAIRFIELD 61** THURSDAY'S COLLEGE **SCHEDULE** 

# MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sacred Heart at Lafayette, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Smith at Eastern, 6:30p.m.

# MEN'S HOCKEY Sacred Heart at Army, 7p.m.

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| Springfield  | 19  | 14  | 3  | 2   | 0   | 28  | .78   |
| Hartford   | 18  | 12  | 4  | 2   | 0   | 24  | .72   |
| Providence   | 17  | 8   | 5  | 3   | 1   | 16  | .58   |
| Hershey  | 17  | 8   | 6  | 2   | 1   | 19  | .55   |
| W-B/Scranto  |   |   | 8  | 0   | 2   | 18  | .50   |
| Charlotte  | 19  | 8   | 9  | 2   | 0   | 18  | .47   |
| Bridgeport   | 20  | 6   | 11   | 1   | 2   | 13  | .37   |
| Lehigh Valley  | 18  | 3   | 10   | 4   | 1   | 11  | .30   |
| North  | GP  | W   |  |   |   | PTS   | PC  |
| Utica  | 16  | 15  | 1  | 0   | 0   | 26  | .93   |
| Cleveland  | 17  | 9   | 3  | 2   | 3   | 20  | .67   |
| Rochester  | 17  | 11  | 6  | 0   | 0   | 18  | .64   |
| Toronto  | 16  | 9   | 5  | 1   | 1   | 18  | .62   |
| Belleville   | 17  | 9   | 8  | 0   | 0   | 14  | .52   |
| Laval  | 17  | 7   | 9  | 1   | 0   | 15  | .44   |
| Syracuse   | 17  | 6   | 8  | 2   | 1   | 13  | .44   |
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| Central  | GP  | W   |  | OTL:  |   |   | PC  |
| Chicago  | 17  | 11  | 4  | 1   | 1   | 18  | .70   |
| Chicago<br>Manitoba  | 17<br>18  | 11<br>11  | 4  | 1   | 1   | 18<br>19  | .70<br>.63  |
| Chicago<br>Manitoba<br>Iowa  | 17<br>18<br>15  | 11<br>11<br>9   | 4<br>6<br>5  | 1<br>1<br>1   | 1<br>0<br>0   | 18<br>19<br>17  | .70<br>.63<br>.63   |
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| Chicago<br>Manitoba<br>Iowa<br>Grand Rapids<br>Rockford<br>Texas   | 17<br>18<br>15<br>17<br>15<br>16  | 11<br>11<br>9<br>7<br>6<br>6  | 4<br>6<br>5<br>7<br>7<br>8   | 1<br>1<br>2<br>1  | 1<br>0<br>0<br>1<br>1   | 18<br>19<br>17<br>17<br>11<br>14  | .70<br>.63<br>.63<br>.50<br>.46   |
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#### **WEDNESDAY'S** RESULTS

SPRINGFIELD AT HARTFORD, LATE BELLEVILLE AT UTICA, LATE SYRACUSE AT ROCHESTER, LATE TEXAS AT LAVAL, LATE ROCKFORD AT MILWAUKEE, LATE BAKERSFIELD AT STOCKTON, LATE

#### ONTARIO AT ABBOTSFORD, LATE THURSDAY'S **SCHEDULE**

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| Big East basketball standings<br>MEN'S |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ONF                                    | CPCT  | OVR  | PCT  |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 6-0  | 1.000  |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 7-1  | .875   |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 7-1  | .875   |  |  |  |
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| 0-0                                    | .000  | 6-1  | .857   |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 6-1  | .857   |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 5-1  | .833   |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 5-1  | .833   |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 4-2  | .667   |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 5-3  | .625   |  |  |  |
| 0-0                                    | .000  | 3-3  | .500   |  |  |  |
|  | ONF<br>0-0<br>0-0<br>0-0<br>0-0<br>0-0<br>0-0<br>0-0<br>0-0 | Sketball stand<br>0-0 .000<br>0-0 .000 | ONF CPCT OVR 0-0 .000 6-0 0-0 .000 7-1 0-0 .000 7-1 0-0 .000 6-1 0-0 .000 6-1 0-0 .000 5-1 0-0 .000 4-2 0-0 .000 5-3 |  |  |  |

#### TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS **GEORGETOWN 91. LONGWOOD 83**

MARQUETTE 83, JACKSON STATE 54
CREIGHTON 80, NORTH DAKOTA STATE 55

#### **WEDNESDAY'S** RESULTS

XAVIER 78, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 45 VILLANOVA AT PENN, LATE WAGNER AT SETON HALL, LATE TEXAS TECH AT PROVIDENCE, LATE

#### **FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE** Kansas at St. John's, 7p.m.

| WOMEN'S    |        |      |     |      |  |  |
|------------|--------|------|-----|------|--|--|
| Team       | CONF   | CPCT | OVR | PCT  |  |  |
| UConn      | 0-0    | .000 | 3-1 | .750 |  |  |
| DePaul     | 0-0    | .000 | 5-2 | .714 |  |  |
| Marquette  | 0-0    | .000 | 4-2 | .667 |  |  |
| Creighton  | 0-0    | .000 | 3-2 | .600 |  |  |
| Seton Hall | 0-0    | .000 | 3-2 | .600 |  |  |
| Georgetow  | /n 0-0 | .000 | 3-3 | .500 |  |  |
| Xavier     | 0-0    | .000 | 3-3 | .500 |  |  |
| St. John's | 0-0    | .000 | 3-4 | .429 |  |  |

2-4 .333 Providence 0-0 Butler 0-0 .000 0-6 .000

#### **WEDNESDAY'S** RESULTS HARTFORD AT PROVIDENCE, LATE **LEHIGH AT VILLANOVA, LATE**

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64 55 S

84 70 PC

86 74 PC

54 30 S

70 56 PC

39 28 PC

72 67 PC

FRIDAY'S **SCHEDULE** 

Georgetown at Creighton, 1p.m. UConn at Seton Hall, 7p.m. Villanova at Providence, 7p.m. Butler at DePaul, 8p.m. Xavier at Marquette, 8p.m.

# **HOCKEY EAST**

| STANDINGS<br>MEN'S |     |                |      |
|--------------------|-----|----------------|------|
| Team               | OGP | OVR CGP CONF   | CPTS |
| Providence         | 17  | 12-5-0 9 6-3-0 | 19   |
| UMass              | 12  | 7-4-1 85-2-1   | 18   |
| UMass Lowell       | 12  | 8-2-2 76-1-0   | 17   |
| Northeastern       | 16  | 11-4-1 9 5-3-1 | 17   |
| Boston College     | 14  | 7-5-2 95-3-1   | 17   |
| UConn              | 14  | 8-6-0 95-4-0   | 15   |
| Boston Univ.       | 15  | 4-9-2 10 3-5-2 | 11   |
| Merrimack          | 14  | 6-8-0 93-6-0   | 11   |
| New Hampshire      | 15  | 7-7-1 93-5-1   | 8    |

#### 13 1-10-2 9 1-7-1 12 2-9-1 6 1-4-1 Vermont FRIDAY'S **SCHEDULE**

Maine

Northeastern at Providence, 7p.m. UConn at Merrimack, 7p.m. Vermont at Maine, 7p.m. UMass at UMass Lowell, 7p.m.

| WOMEN'S        |            |                  |     |
|----------------|------------|------------------|-----|
| Team           | <b>OGP</b> | OVR CGP CONF C   | PTS |
| Northeastern   | 17         | 14-2-1 14 11-2-1 | 35  |
| Boston Univ.   | 15         | 7-5-3 13 6-4-3   | 22  |
| UConn          | 18         | 12-4-2 11 6-3-2  | 19  |
| Boston College | 15         | 8-7-0 10 6-4-0   | 17  |
| Providence     | 15         | 6-5-4 10 4-4-2   | 16  |
| Merrimack      | 18         | 5-12-1 13 4-8-1  | 14  |
| Maine          | 17         | 6-10-1 10 4-5-1  | 14  |
| Vermont        | 15         | 7-6-2 84-3-1     | 13  |
| New Hampshire  | 15         | 5-8-2 11 3-7-1   | 12  |
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#### 14 2-12-0 10 1-9-0 3 Holy Cross TUESDAY'S LATE RESULT PROVIDENCE 3, MERRIMACK 0 FRIDAY'S

Holy Cross at UConn, 6:30p.m.

**SCHEDULE** Boston College at Maine, 2p.m. Boston University at Merrimack, 2p.m. Princeton at Providence, 2p.m. Vermont at New Hampshire, 6p.m.

#### **ECAC HOCKEY** Standings MEN'S OGP OVR CGP CONF CPTS 8-1-0 65-1-0 5-3-1 64-1-1 Cornell Harvard 10-1-3 4 3-0-1 Quinnipiac 8-4-3 63-2-1 8-8-0 63-3-0 6-7-2 63-3-0 Clarkson Colgate Rensselaer 3-6-4 62-2-2 3-5-1 42-2-0 2-6-0 52-3-0 St. Lawrence Princeton Dartmouth 4-7-2 62-3-1 1-7-0 61-5-0 1-6-0 50-5-0 Union

#### **FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE**

Brown

Dartmouth at Yale, 7p.m. Quinnipiac at Rensselaer, 7p.m. Cornell at St. Lawrence, 7p.m. Harvard at Brown, 7p.m. Colgate at Clarkson, 7p.m. Princeton at Union, 7p.m.

| WUIVIENS     |     |                   |
|--------------|-----|-------------------|
| Team         | OGP | OVR CGP CONF CPTS |
| Quinnipiac   | 18  | 15-1-287-1-0 21   |
| Princeton    | 10  | 5-4-1 85-2-1 16.5 |
| Yale         | 13  | 9-3-1 85-2-1 16.5 |
| Colgate      | 19  | 14-4-185-2-114.5  |
| Clarkson     | 18  | 14-2-2 65-1-0 14  |
| Harvard      | 10  | 7-3-0 74-3-0 14   |
| St. Lawrence | 18  | 7-7-4 63-2-1 10.5 |
| Cornell      | 10  | 4-5-1 83-4-110.5  |
| Rensselaer   | 17  | 5-12-082-6-0 7    |
| Dartmouth    | 10  | 4-6-0 72-5-0 6    |
| Brown        | 13  | 1-10-281-6-1 4.5  |
| Union        | 17  | 2-14-180-8-0 0    |



Knicks forward Julius Randle, left, drives against Nets guard James Harden during the first half Tuesday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/AP

# Randle says refs acknowledged their bias in Brooklyn game

By Stefan Bondy New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Knicks weren't bashful or quiet about who to blame. To Julius Randle and Tom Thibodeau, in particular, Tuesday's 112-110 loss to the Nets fell on the referees.

"I'm pissed," Tom Thibodeau said just before walking out of a brief postgame

The stats backed up the coach's accusations of biased officiating, with the Knicks attempting just 12 free throws to Brooklyn's 25. Randle, who was whistled for a pivotal technical in the fourth quarter and angrily chased down referee Jason Goldenberg after the final buzzer, hinted at a larger conspiracy, saying he was informed by the officials that he's not receiving the same calls because of his strength.

Randle, a bruising power forward, took just two foul shots Tuesday, while James Harden and Kevin Durant combined for 19. "They said that certain contact doesn't

affect me like it affects other players, that I'm stronger," Randle said. How did he react to that explanation?

"Oh man, it pisses me off, to be honest with you," said Randle, who was consistently guarded Tuesday by smaller defenders, including Harden. "That's not how you officiate the game.

"You know, with basketball, usually the smaller players are guarding bigger players they get away with a lot more but certain things are a little bit more blatant. You just slap a guy I don't care who it is, it's going to affect him.'

Randle is averaging about five free throw attempts per game, which is lower than his previous four seasons. The All-Star is not getting the All-Star calls.

"You've gotta ask them. I don't know what they're watching or seeing but you have to ask them," Randle said. "Like you said, as aggressive as I play, attacking the paint, I can't be penalized for just being stronger. That's the answer that I got tonight.

Randle, who was fined \$15,000 last season last season for publicly criticizing referees, walked a similar line Tuesday but also tried to divert the questions away from the officiating. Thibodeau picked up the slack.

"There's a big discrepancy in free throws. I can tell you that," the coach said. "Julius is driving the ball, and he gets two free throws. I don't really care how the game's called. I really don't. You can call it tight, you can call it loose. But it's got to be the same."

Not coincidentally, Tuesday's game turned on a couple big calls. New York's point-guard-by-committee situation worked well with Kemba Walker out of the rotation, and the visitors were positioned to pull off an upset.

But James Johnson won the game for Brooklyn on the foul line, having earned the trip with 2.2 seconds left after getting hacked by Mitchell Robinson in the paint. The Knicks had no timeouts to draw up a potential game-winner because Thibodeau lost an earlier challenge, when Durant had sold mild contact that was upheld on the review.

Flopping is Randle's best course of action if the official's think he's too strong to be fouled.

"I want to look at the film," Thibodeau said. "But something's not right."

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Inspired by Stouffer's mac and cheese, in the red box from the freezer aisle, this homemade version delivers the same molten creaminess. **TESTANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES** 

# Creamy comfort

# Stouffer's mac and cheese inspires this homemade dish

By Eric Kim  $\mid$  The New York Times

or those nostalgic enough to look into them, old restaurant menus, like telescopes, can reveal distant worlds.

A Stouffer's restaurant menu dated Friday, July 5, 1955, for instance, lists a macaroni and cheese dinner plate for a dollar, among other entrees like chicken fricassee, broiled whitefish and breaded pork steak with apple sauce. The mac and cheese came with a trio of sides: spinach soufflé, julienne carrots and a tossed green salad. If a drink was in order, one could wash all of that down with a claret cobbler, a cocktail of red wine, fresh fruit and sugar, or maybe with a Bamboo, which mixes sherry and vermouth — both for 55 cents.

This is the same Stouffer's that has become best known for frozen dinners sold in a distinctive red box. The company began as a family business in the early 1900s, operating a small dairy stand in Cleveland before expanding into restaurants, hotels and freezer-aisle products. Vernon Bigelow Stouffer inherited the business and turned it into an American food empire.

Some may consider Stouffer's a metonym for TV dinner. But from the French-bread pizza to the lasagna with meat sauce, Stouffer's products are relics that remain household staples decades later. The mac and cheese in particular has become what I consider the platonic ideal of that dish: a sauce of creamy, golden velvet on bouncy, perfectly cooked (arguably overcooked)

noodles, the cheese still voluptuously smooth even after a long stint in the oven.

There are many ways to arrive at a Stouffer's-style macaroni and cheese in your own kitchen without having to stroll by the freezer aisle.

This recipe starts with a classic roux (a mixture of butter and flour), which becomes a béchamel when milk joins the party. The transition from béchamel to cheese sauce is a beautiful thing: It will seem as if it's a lot of cheese at first, but that's because it's a lot of sauce. The sauce-to-pasta ratio here is really what makes Stouffer's mac and cheese, well, Stouffer's mac and cheese.

Recreating that creaminess was the biggest challenge. Overheating a cheese sauce, especially in the oven, can cause its emulsion to break, turning a velvety pasta into a grainy gunge. If it's baked macaroni and cheese you're after, not stovetop, then there's little getting around this.

But there is one method that works. Paul Adams, the senior science research editor at Cook's Illustrated, has written about the stabilizing powers of sodium citrate, an ingredient found in processed cheeses like Velveeta. "It's fun to see it in action," he said, "because it opens up a whole world of otherwise ineligible cheeses that you can melt smoothly into a sauce." Though you could go out and buy sodium citrate, using a smidgen of Velveeta in your sauce does wonders for keeping it indelibly smooth and bound, like movie-theater nacho cheese.

# Creamy baked macaroni and cheese

This recipe, inspired by Stouffer's macaroni and cheese, delivers the best of all worlds: creamy, saucy comfort, with a consistency that's slightly more set than a stovetop version, thanks to a final bake in the oven. It stays voluptuous and molten as a result of a higher ratio of sauce to noodles, which are cooked completely so they don't soak up as much liquid. The Velveeta is necessary here, as it has sodium citrate, which prevents the sauce from separating in the oven. Elbow macaroni works fine, but cavatappi is an especially fun shape to eat with its telephone-cord bounciness.

# Total time: 1 hour

Salt 1 pound cavatappi or elbow macaroni

1/2 cup unsalted butter 1/2 cup all-purpose flour 6 cups whole milk

1 pound sharp or extra-sharp yellow cheddar, coarsely grated (5 ¼ cups) 8 ounces Velveeta, torn into pieces 4 ounces Pecorino Romano, coarsely

grated (1 cup)
½ teaspoon dry mustard powder
¼ teaspoon onion powder
Pinch of ground cayenne

Freshly ground black pepper

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.

2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil and season generously with salt. Add the pasta and cook according to package instructions, stirring occasionally with a

Drain and set aside.

3. Return the empty pot to the stove (no need to clean it) and set over medium heat. Melt the butter and simmer,

wooden spoon, until just past al dente.

whisking occasionally, until the butter stops spurting and quiets down, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the flour and cook, whisking, until smooth like gravy, about 1 minute. 4. Whisk in the milk. Raise the heat to high and bring to a simmer, whisking constantly, then immediately reduce the heat to low and continue simmering until the sauce lightly coats the back of a spoon, 2 to 5 minutes. At this stage, the sauce should be smooth but relatively loose. Take the pot off the heat. 5. To the pot, add the cheddar, Velveeta, Pecorino Romano, mustard powder, onion powder and cayenne, and season generously with salt and black pepper. Whisk until the cheese is melted and smooth like nacho cheese. Add the drained pasta, breaking up any clumps, and stir until evenly coated in the cheese

**6. Transfer** to 9-by-13-inch baking pan or dish and bake until bubbling at the edges, 15 to 20 minutes. Serve immediately.

sauce. Taste and adjust seasoning with



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These crisp and chewy coffee cake cookies are coated in buttery streusel. JOE LINGEMAN/THEKITCHN.COM

# Cookies are a cozy treat

**By Jesse Szewczyk** TheKitchn.com

It's no surprise that I'm a big fan of cookies. But what you might not know is that I also really love coffee cake (so much so, in fact, that I created a 10-minute version). But instead of enjoying the two treats separately, I thought it would be far more exciting to combine them, creating the ultimate cozy dessert: crisp and chewy coffee cake cookies, complete with brown sugar and cinnamon, a buttery streusel coating and a drizzle of easy icing.

This step-by-step recipe will show you how to make them in four simple steps — all without having to bust out your mixer. Enjoy them with coffee for breakfast, with milk for dessert, or as part of a killer ice cream sandwich. Here's how to do it.

#### 1. Make a simple sugar cookie dough.

You'll start by mixing up a super-easy sugar cookie dough by hand. Whisk together melted butter with white and brown sugars, vanilla extract and one egg plus one egg yolk. (The extra yolk makes the cookies super tender and chewy.) Then, mix in your dry ingredients - flour, cinnamon, salt, baking powder and baking soda — and the dough is done.

2. Whip up a buttery streusel.

After you make the dough, you'll whip up a simple coffee cake-style streusel that you'll roll the dough balls in before baking. To make it, mix melted butter. flour, brown and white sugars, cinnamon and salt together with your hands, squeezing it into little pea-sized clumps.

#### 3. Roll the dough balls in the streusel.

Now for the fun part: coating the dough balls in the streusel. Portion the dough into 3-tablespoon-sized balls, dip in egg white (this will help make the streusel stick), and roll in the streusel, using your hands to gently press it into the dough. Repeat this process with all of the dough, place the dough balls on baking sheets, and bake.

4. Drizzle the baked cookies with a 2-ingredient icing.

After your cookies come out of the oven, let them cool completely. While they cool, make the icing, which is a simple combination of powdered sugar and milk. Whisk until the icing is pourable but not so thin that it's translucent, then drizzle it over the cookies. Let the cookies sit for about 10 minutes until the icing sets, then pour some cups of hot coffee to go along with the cookies and enjoy.

#### Coffee cake cookies

Makes: 18 (4-inch) cookies For the cookie dough:

2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 34 teaspoon kosher salt ½ teaspoon baking powder ½ teaspoon baking soda 1 cup granulated sugar

34 cup packed light or dark brown

1 large egg 1 large egg yolk

1 tablespoon vanilla extract For the streusel coating:

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted 1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup packed light or dark brown

1/2 cup granulated sugar 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt 2 large egg whites For the icing:

1 cup powdered sugar, plus more as needed

2 tablespoons milk (any kind), plus more as needed

1. Arrange 2 racks to divide the oven into thirds and heat the oven to 350 degrees. Line 3 baking sheets (or as many as you have) with parchment paper or silicone baking mats.

#### Make the dough:

1. Place 2 sticks unsalted butter in a large microwave-safe bowl and microwave in 20-second bursts until fully melted, 60 to 70 seconds total. (Alternatively, melt on the stovetop and transfer to a large

2. Place 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 34 teaspoon kosher salt, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder and ½ teaspoon baking soda in a medium bowl and whisk until combined.

3. Add 1 cup granulated sugar, 3/4 cup packed brown sugar, 1 large egg, 1 large egg yolk (reserve the white for streusel coating) and 1 tablespoon vanilla extract to melted butter. Whisk until smooth and glossy. Add flour mixture and stir with rubber spatula or wooden spoon just until flour is incorporated and a smooth dough forms.

#### Make the streusel coating:

1. Place 4 tablespoons unsalted butter in a medium microwave-safe bowl and microwave in 10-second bursts until fully melted, 30 to 40 seconds. (Or melt on the stovetop and transfer to a medium bowl.) 2. Add ½ cup all-purpose flour, ½ cup packed brown sugar, ½ cup granulated sugar, 2 teaspoons

ground cinnamon and ¼ teaspoon kosher salt. Using your fingertips, pinch and squeeze the dry ingredients into the melted butter until large, irregular clumps form and the mixture resembles wet sand. Whisk 2 large egg whites in a

medium bowl until frothy 3. Scoop out the dough with a #24/2-inch-wide cookie scoop, or portion into 18 (about 3 scant tablespoon) portions, and roll into balls. (If the dough is too soft to roll into balls, let it sit for 10 minutes and try again.)

#### Prepare the cookies and bake:

1. Working with 1 dough ball at a time, roll in the egg whites, allowing the excess to drip off, then transfer it into the streusel. Toss until completely coated in streusel, using your hands to gently press the streusel into the dough to help it stick. (Make sure to use one hand for tossing the dough balls in the egg whites and one for tossing in the streusel to prevent the streusel from getting wet.) Place at least 2 inches apart on the baking sheets, 6 per sheet. Top the cookie dough balls with the remaining streusel, mounding it at the top of the cookie dough balls.

2. Bake first 2 sheets for 8 minutes. Rotate the baking sheets from front to back and top to bottom and bake until cracks start forming, 7 to 10 minutes more. Let cool slightly on the baking sheets for 5 minutes, then transfer onto a wire rack to cool completely, about 30 minutes. 3. Bake the final batch on the upper rack, rotating it front to back halfway through baking, 15 to 18 minutes total. (If reusing a baking sheet to bake this batch, let it cool for 15 minutes first.)

#### Make the icing:

1. Place 1 cup powdered sugar and 2 tablespoons milk in a small bowl and whisk until the powdered sugar is completely dissolved. The glaze should be thick yet pourable. If too thin, whisk in more powdered sugar 1 tablespoon at a time. If too thick, whisk in more milk 1 teaspoon at a time. Drizzle the icing over the cookies in a zig-zag pattern and let sit for 10 minutes for the icing to set before serving.

Make-ahead: Both the cookie dough and streusel can be prepared up to four days in advance and refrigerated separately tightly covered in plastic wrap. When ready to bake, let the dough sit at room temperature until it's soft enough to roll into balls and coat in the streusel, 20 to 30 minutes.



# These fluffy dinner rolls really rise to the occasion

America's Test Kitchen

The fancy French word for dough shaped in a ball is boule. Bread makers use the same technique to form a tight ball of dough for a large loaf of bread and for small individual dough balls, such as these fluffy dinner rolls.

While it takes two hands to form a large loaf into a boule, you can make a small one with just one cupped hand. If you get really good at it, you can even do two balls at once — one in each hand!

# Fluffy dinner rolls

Makes: 9 rolls

21/2 cups (121/2 ounces) all-purpose flour 2 1/4 teaspoons instant or rapid-rise yeast 1 teaspoon salt

34 cup (6 ounces) whole milk 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

2 tablespoons honey

1 large egg yolk Vegetable oil spray

1 large egg, cracked into bowl and lightly beaten with fork

1. In the bowl of a stand mixer, whisk together flour, yeast and salt. Lock the bowl in place and attach the dough hook to the stand mixer. In a 4-cup liquid measuring cup, whisk milk, melted butter, honey and egg yolk until honey has dissolved, about 20 seconds. 2. Start the mixer on low speed and slowly pour in the milk mixture. Mix until no dry flour is visible, about 2 minutes. Increase speed to medium and knead dough for 8 minutes. 3. Transfer the dough to a clean counter and knead dough for 30 seconds, then form the dough into smooth ball. Spray a large bowl

with vegetable oil spray. Place the dough

in the greased bowl and cover with plastic

wrap. Let the dough rise until doubled in size, 1½ to 2 hours.

4. Transfer the dough to a clean counter and use your hands to gently press down on the dough to pop any large bubbles. Pat the dough into a 6-inch square and use a bench scraper to cut the dough into 9 equal squares. Form each piece of dough into a tight, smooth ball.

5. Spray inside bottom and sides of 8-inch square metal baking pan with vegetable oil spray. Arrange dough balls in 3 rows in a greased baking pan. Cover the baking pan loosely with plastic. Let the dough balls rise until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

6. While the dough rises, adjust the oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. When the dough is ready, use a pastry brush to paint the tops of the dough balls with the beaten egg.

7. Place the baking pan in the oven. Bake until rolls are golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes. Place the baking pan on a cooling rack and let rolls cool in pan for 30 minutes. Turn the baking pan upside down to release rolls from pan. Turn the rolls right-side up and use your hands to pull them apart. Serve warm or at room temperature.



# Do nonalcoholic beers pass the flavor test?

By Patrick Holbrook The Columbus Dispatch

An alert reader wrote me and raised a great point: When going for long-haul football watching, it makes perfect sense to intersperse nonalcoholic beers along with the "real thing" for general health as well as for safety, especially when curtailing alcohol intake because driving is involved. And you'll feel much better the next day to boot.

My one reader and I agreed that NA beers have come a long way since the days when there was O'Doul's and not much else, and he pointed me toward WellBeing NA beers.

WellBeing is one of many, many options these days for those going alcohol-free for whatever the reason. Wellknown craft brewers Brew-Dog and Lagunitas, for example, have more than one offering, and WellBeing (which is exclusively NA) has seven, including an amber, a stout and a wheat. Countless other craft brewers have gotten in on the act

Major labels also have alcohol-free versions, including Budweiser, Coors, Heineken and Beck's. O'Doul's, once a laughingstock, is having the last laugh by still being around some 30 years after its initial release. Heck, even Old Milwaukee has an NA.

Amid the opening of niche bars that don't serve alcohol and the rise of alcohol-free "mocktails," there also is an increased market for NA beers of all stripes.

WellBeing's website tells the story behind its NA brews, how they are made and how they fit into a lifestyle that emphasizes having a good time without alcohol.

"Hi, I'm Jeff Stevens and I'm a Non-Alcoholic," is the opening greeting from Stevens, who, with his wife, Genevieve, founded Well-Being in 2017.



Non-alcoholic beers, from left, BrewDog's Punk AF IPA; WellBeing's Intentional IPA; and Lagunitas' IPNA. PATRICK HOLBROOK/THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Stevens said he realized he would never have "a successful, harmonious relationship" with alcohol but still loved a lifestyle of socializing, seeing live music and being around friends. Drinking NA beers, he said, "in many ways it saved me" by allowing him to have fun while also staying sober.

Yet, as he saw craft beer boom, he questioned why NA beers generally remained stagnant and unevolving. A desire to remedy that, as well as provide tasty options for nondrinkers led to Well-Being, which promotes an alcohol-free lifestyle for both mental and physical health in addition to its

Though I use the term "beer" liberally throughout this review to describe NA brews, "near beer" is the legal/technical term, and the word "beer" appears nowhere on the labels of two of the of the three I

tried, and instead is called "malt beverage." (The third was labeled as "near beer.")

So how, exactly, is near beer made? The answer, of course, is, "It's complicated."

Though beer's end users love the social nature of a rousing happy hour on Friday or the relaxing nature of winding down with a brew in the evening, in reality, the making of beer involves a hop ton of science.

The "Beer 101" page on the Lagunitas website has a kegful of information about the NA process that includes things such as "membrane filtration," "vacuum distillation," "arrested fermentation," "alternative yeasts/ microbes," "changed mashing regimes" and "the introduction of alternative microbes for fermentation."

As a longtime beer drinker, I can assure you that I understand exactly none of that, although "filtration," "distillation" and "fermentation" all rhyme, and some brewer out there with a Les Paul and a Marshall stack could write an arena rock anthem about it.

WellBeing, meanwhile, touts its high-tech extraction method in which it "funnels fully brewed craft beer through a vacuum and lowers the temperature to gently remove the alcohol. The finished product is a craft nonalcoholic beer that has all the body, aroma, mouthfeel and flavor of fully brewed craft beer."

However, after all that science-y alcohol-reduction stuff, it should be noted that many "nonalcohol' beers do contain trace amounts; the standard for NA beers is 0.5% alcohol by volume or less.

For carb-counters, the removal of alcohol doesn't always have a big effect on the total carbs (sad emoji); two of the beers sampled for this review are 13 and 18 carbs per serving, which is equal to or slightly lower than a standard beer with

How do NA beers taste? Not bad. Not bad at all.

alcohol. If you're looking to

winner with only 2.3 grams

of carbs per 12-ounce can,

with 20 calories.

cut carbs with an NA beer,

BrewDog's Punk AF is a

As someone who likes big, roasty stouts and Imperial IPAs, I find the NA beers I tried to be light-bodied. However, they do have a hearty-enough and nuanced flavor profile that can make you forget you're not drinking beer with alcohol. They have very similar mouthfeel in terms of carbon-

If you haven't already, there's no reason not to dip your toe in the NA waters. especially if you're looking to cut back on alcohol consumption.

"We want to become

or your third beer," Well-Being's Stevens told Feast Magazine in 2019.

And that's a great way to look at it. Want another beer but probably shouldn't? Grab an NA

You can scratch your beer itch without the negative effects of alcohol, it's an easy swap and these days there are lots of worthy options from which to choose.

There are many nonalcoholic beers available these days. Each of the following beers is available locally, though not every one might be in stock at every grocery store or carryout.

Intentional IPA (0.3% ABV): WellBeing Brewing Company, Maryland Heights, Missouri

\$10.99 for a four-pack of 16-ounce cans

The fullest-bodied of the three I tried, this well-balanced brew pours a deep copper with a slight cloud. Mosaic and Citra hops run the show here, giving it a profile of fruit and a mild bitterness that isn't overpowering.

Lagunitas IPNA (0.5%): Lagunitas Brewing Co., Petaluma, California

\$9.99 for a six-pack of 12-ounce bottles

Those of a certain age (old) will remember Chris Schenkel touting "beer tastes better in a bottle." And, by jove, this beer does taste good in a bottle with standard IPA hop-forwardness (Citra and Mosaic. among others) and malt backing. It pours clear with an orange hue and has a light body with little bitterness.

**Punk AF IPA (0.5%):** BrewDog, Canal Winchester

\$11.99 for a six-pack of 12-ounce cans

Pouring hazy with a light straw color, Punk has notes of lemon and pine with a hit of bitterness on the back end, the most bitter of the three.

# **SERIOUSLY SIMPLE**

# A potato pancake shortcut

**By Diane Rossen** Worthington Tribune Content Agency

Potato pancakes are the signature dish for Hanukkah because they are fried in oil, and dishes fried in oil represent the miracle of the holiday. As the story goes, when there was only a small container of oil enough to light the temple

for only one day, the oil

lasted for eight days.

After many attempts to find a shortcut to peeling and grating the potatoes, I discovered a no-fail technique. Instead of grating the potatoes and onions, I puree the eggs and onions (or scallions) in the food processor until fluffy and then pulse in the unpeeled potato chunks until they resemble finely grated potatoes. You'll also use the food processor to mix the batter

Zucchini and carrot are blended into the potato mixture for a colorful alternative to plain potato

One-step potato

vegetable pancakes

Makes: 12 to 14 pancakes

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon salt

canola

Pinch black pepper

medium mixing bowl.

1 medium onion, quartered

1 medium baking potato, cut into 1-inch

1 small zucchini, cut into 1-inch pieces

Vegetable oil for frying, like grapeseed or

1. Puree the onion and eggs together in a

food processor fitted with the metal blade

until smooth and fluffy. Add the potatoes,

zucchini and carrot, and pulse the mixture

until finely chopped and still retaining some

texture. Add the salt, pepper and flour, and

quickly process to combine, making sure

not to over-process. Pour the batter into a

2. Heat ½ inch of oil in a large nonstick skillet

1 small carrot, cut into 1-inch pieces

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour



These crispy savory pancakes, also called latkes, are the star ingredient for a Hanukkah party. NOEL BARNHURST/TNS

pancakes. A nonstick skillet will ensure that the pancakes won't stick.

I like to serve these pancakes alongside sour cream and my updated applesauce for the holiday, but potato pancakes can be enjoyed in other menus as well. Try them as an appetizer cooked into silver dollar-shaped rounds, and top them with a touch of sour cream and smoked salmon. Or garnish with sour cream and spicy salsa for a Mexican touch. You can also serve these for breakfast or brunch along-

side scrambled eggs. And they make a great side dish with any grilled or roasted main course.

**Helpful hints:** Have a flat wire strainer nearby to collect any particles that stay in the oil; if the oil becomes too dirty, discard and begin again. Don't crowd the pan or the oil temperature will drop and the pancakes will be oily. Have a wide spatula for turning the pancakes. Make sure to place the pancakes on paper towels to remove any excess oil before serving.

on medium-high heat. Pour a tablespoon of batter in the skillet and test the oil. When it is hot enough, spoon tablespoons of the batter in the skillet, making sure that there is room between each pancake. Flatten them with the back of a spoon and use the spatula to round out the sides, if necessary. Fry until golden brown and turn the pancakes. Fry the other side until golden brown.

**3. Transfer** the pancakes to a cookie sheet lined with two layers of paper towels. Allow the pancakes to drain excess oil. Place on a platter and serve immediately.

Advance preparation: To make the pancakes ahead and freeze, lay them on a double sheet of aluminum foil and enclose the pancakes tightly in the foil. Make sure the pancakes are cool and then place on a flat surface in the freezer. When ready to serve, preheat the oven to 425 degrees and place the foil packets on a baking sheet. Remove the top sheet of foil so that the pancakes will bake evenly. Bake the frozen pancakes for about 7 minutes or until they are brown and



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Lemon buttermilk chess pie with a black pepper crust is inspired by an Edna Lewis recipe. KELLY MARSHALL/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

# A SLICE OF HOME

# Lemon buttermilk chess pie serves up a sweet connection

By Yewande Komolafe The New York Times

n the decade I spent working in restaurant kitchens, I rarely felt an emotional connection with the food I was cooking.

This feeling of distance from the food I encountered here in the United States began almost as soon as I arrived from Nigeria as a young college student.

Very few dishes I ate growing up were reflected in the dining hall food served in my university, nor was there evidence of them in the recipes I fastidiously honed in culinary school after college, and in my first restaurant jobs in Baltimore.

When I moved to Atlanta in 2006, Edna Lewis, the great American chef and cookbook author, had just died. At the two restaurants where I worked, I started making Lewis' recipes, and began seeing in my own two hands the food that transported me home.

Those of us who work in restaurant kitchens know the physical and emotional demands of the job. We also know the intense connections we make with certain dishes on the menu.

Beyond making ends meet beyond just surviving - what I most remember chasing were the moments when a dish would



Cold butter is rubbed into a dry mixture by hand to help create the pie crust.

resonate with me. Most menu items needed to be executed as planned: precisely, and to the chef's instruction. But Lewis' recipes demanded working from feeling, faith and sensory cues, the way my mother and grandmother always had.

The two Atlanta restaurants I worked in, Restaurant Eugene and Watershed, featured farm-totable, regional Southern cuisine. Lewis' recipes punctuated the menus of both of those restaurants, serving as bold, playful metaphors for the happiness food can elicit.

I remember Steven Satterfield. my chef at Watershed, teaching me how to make a caramel glaze for Lewis' fresh apple cake, looking me over with curiosity as I made lab work of one of the steps. If I cooked the glaze too far, I thought, it would crystallize. My training urged me to use a thermometer. So many of the dishes I had made up to that point in my career felt as if they were the expression of some distant ideal — food I had never known growing up but sought to master

from technique. A French pastry's perfection drew on my science background, not my childhood memories.

But you don't need a thermometer, my chef told me.

What was central to her recipes, he said, was being present and paying close attention — the very qualities that had resonated with me.

I bought a copy of "The Gift of Southern Cooking" only when I was leaving Atlanta, bound for new opportunities in New York. When I finally sat down to it, I saw myself in the recipes that she collected, the techniques she shared and her stories.

To me, home is more about connection than a physical place. We may have spent our whole lives traveling or, alternatively, never leaving the few square miles of a birthplace, but it's our ties — to our memories, to one another - that inform what we think of as home.

This recipe is part of my idea of home. Although it is inspired by Lewis' buttermilk chess pie, it allowed me to bridge the gap between my two food worlds. Citrus and black pepper are additions I make to so many of my dishes – a little brightness, a little spice, a little sparkle. And jiggling the pie is an ode to Lewis, a way of following feeling and faith to know when the custard is just set.

#### Lemon buttermilk chess pie with black pepper crust

Makes: 8 to 10 servings Total time: 1 hour, plus at least 50 minutes' chilling

For the crust:

6 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes, plus more for preparing the pan

11/2 cups all-purpose flour ⅓ cup sugar

1 teaspoon kosher salt (Diamond 11/4 teaspoon freshly ground black

1 tablespoon freshly grated lemon

2 egg yolks ¼ cup cold water

For the filling:

3 whole eggs 3 egg yolks

14 cups sugar 1/4 cup medium-coarse yellow

1/4 cup lemon juice

1 tablespoon grated lemon zest 1 teaspoon kosher salt (Diamond Crystal)

1 cup buttermilk, preferably full-fat ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted

Whipped heavy cream for serving 1. Prepare the pie crust:

Generously butter 10-inch round, fluted tart pan or 9-inch round pie dish. In medium bowl, combine the flour, sugar, salt, black pepper and lemon zest. Working quickly, rub the cold butter into the dry mixture using your fingers or a pastry cutter. Cut the butter into the flour until the pieces are the size of small pebbles. (Alternatively, use a food processor to pulse the dry ingredients with the butter.) Add the egg yolks and the cold water. Using your hands, combine just until the dough comes together in clumps. Gather dough into a ball; flatten into a disk, wrap in plastic and chill at least 30 minutes.

2. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll out chilled dough between two sheets of parchment or on a lightly floured surface to a 12-inch round. Using the rolling pin, transfer dough into the prepared tart pan. Press the dough into the fluted sides and trim any overhang to 1/4 inch above the pan. If using a pie dish, skip the pressing step and trim any overhang to 1/4 inch above the inside of the dish. Chill the dough again for at least 20 minutes.

3. Line the pie dough with parchment paper and fill with pie weights or dried beans. Bake until the crust is lightly browned along the edges and beginning to firm up, about 18 minutes. Remove the pie weights and parchment and bake for an additional 5 minutes to lightly brown the edges. Press down the surface with the back of a spoon if the crust bubbles. Allow the crust to cool completely before filling. Adjust the oven temperature to 350 degrees.

4. As the crust cools, prepare the filling: Whisk together eggs, yolks, sugar, cornmeal, lemon juice and zest and salt in a medium bowl. Stir in buttermilk and the melted butter. **5. Place** the tart pan on a rimmed baking sheet and carefully pour the filling into the cooled pie shell. Bake until the filling is set and jiggles slowly when the pie pan is moved back and forth, about 35 to 40 minutes. Cool pie completely before slicing. Top with a dusting of powdered sugar and serve at room temperature or cold, with some whipped heavy cream on the side.

# Sausages, grapes make unlikely pair

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One of my favorite memories of living within a stone's throw of New York City's Union Square Greenmarket was the vendor who arrived every fall to sell a variety of sweet local grapes. They were a far cry from the bags of green and red grapes sold yearround at the grocery store. Their deep, almost floral fragrance filled the air, and they were so sweet that bees swarmed the stall.

This simple sheet pan dinner is a celebration of those grapes I anticipated each fall. These days, grocery store grapes are usually my only option, but that's hardly a problem here because roasting them draws out and caramelizes their juices. Pair them with savory Italian sausage links, thinly sliced shallots and rosemary, and the results are a surprisingly savory, sweet, juicy and warming dinner that's perfect for chilly nights.

Grapes and sausages might seem like an unlikely match, but they're proof that opposites attract. Italian sausage is rich with garlic and spices like fennel seeds and red-pepper flakes, while red grapes are honeyed and floral. As they mingle and roast on the sheet pan, they create a bold pan sauce that's made even more flavorful with the addition of caramelized shallots and earthy rosemary.

This is a dinner that's begging for crusty bread on the side to sop all that warm sauce.



Sweet meets savory in this fast yet fancy sheet pan dinner. JOE LINGEMAN/THEKITCHN.COM

#### Sheet pan roasted sausages and grapes

Makes: 4 to 6 servings 11/2 pounds seedless red grapes

3 medium shallots

2 sprigs fresh rosemary 2 tablespoons olive oil 1 teaspoon fennel seeds

½ teaspoon kosher salt ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper 11/2 pounds uncooked hot or sweet Italian sausage links (6 to 8 links)

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar 1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 425 degrees.

2. Remove the stems from 1 ½ pounds seedless red grapes (about 3 ½ cups) and place the grapes on a rimmed baking sheet.

**3. Prepare** the following, adding the ingredients to the baking sheet as you go: Thinly slice 3 medium shallots (1 heaping cup). Strip the leaves from 2 fresh rosemary sprigs and coarsely chop (1 tablespoon).

4. Drizzle everything on the baking sheet with 2 tablespoons olive oil. sprinkle with 1 teaspoon fennel seeds, 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt and ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, and toss to coat. Spread out in an even layer.

**5. Prick** 1 ½ pounds uncooked Italian sausage links all over with a fork and nestle them among the grape mixture. Roast, flipping the sausages and tossing the grape mixture halfway through, until the sausages are browned and cooked through and the grapes have blistered and burst, 25 to 28 minutes.

**6. Drizzle** 1 tablespoon of balsamic vinegar over the sausages and grapes, toss to coat and serve.